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‘A SERIOUS VOID’

Internal memo alleges JPAC ethics violations, mishandling of remains

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

IN SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan and Stripes allege a troubling pattern of wrongdoing and violation of scientific ethics by JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory, the section responsible for the lion's share of efforts to search for, recover and identify American personnel missing from past military conflicts.

The documents contain allegations of botched recovery and identification efforts that span modern American military history, including World War II dead on Tarawa Atoll; Korean War dead at Upo Lake, South Korea; and Vietnam-era war dead on Koh Tang island in Cambodia.

The offenses allegedly committed by laboratory personnel include possible desecration and mishandling of remains, failure to keep critical records, excavation of incorrect sites and waste of taxpayer funds on duplicate efforts caused by shoddy performance.

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A Marine from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command looks through a strainer to see if he can find remains of a servicemember from World War II on the island of Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati, in 2010. Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

In State of the Union, little about Afghanistan

By JOSH SMITH
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Stars and Stripes

As Washington and Kabul tussle over an agreement that would allow American troops to stay in Afghanistan past the end of 2014, President Barack Obama said little

about the war's fate in his State of the Union address and announced no new policies or plans.

He made scant reference to Afghanistan, mentioning it only briefly toward the end of an hour-long speech.

"With Afghan forces now in the lead for their own security, our

troops have moved to a support role," Obama said. "Together with our allies, we will complete our mission there by the end of this year, and America's longest war will finally be over."

He noted though that "a small force of Americans could remain in Afghanistan with NATO allies

to carry out two narrow missions: training and assisting Afghan forces, and counterterrorism operations to pursue any remnants of al-Qaida."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I booed a lot. It was traumatic. I'm just glad I didn't have to stay on that interstate all night, but there are still people out there."

— Linda Moore, who spent 12 hours stuck in her car on I-65 south of Birmingham, Ga., after a snowstorm snarled traffic

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MILITARY

Religious freedom topic of hearing

Some fear new DOD policy is more restrictive than accommodating

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — House legislators confronted Defense Department officials and chaplains in a heavily attended hearing Wednesday with the question of whether a new DOD policy to ensure religious freedom really does what it's supposed to do.

The policy announced last week says servicemembers can follow, among other things, their religions' grooming standards based on "sincerely held beliefs" if the exceptions don't harm unit readiness or cohesion — but one member of the House Armed Services Committee personnel subcommittee asked if the directive goes far enough.

Sikh groups and several Sikh members of the armed forces are worried that the policy's requirement to seek waivers from top service branch officials to wear the religion's mandatory beards and turbans effectively bars them from the military, said Rep. Joe Heck, R-Nev.

Meanwhile, a number of other Republican legislators expressed concern that DOD's policy on religious freedom, which comes on the heels of major reversals on divisive issues such as gays in the military and same-sex marriage, might not protect the religious rights of Christian believers.

About 10 turbaned Sikhs were in the hearing room Wednesday, and more who could not be seated in the packed hearing room waited in the hallway.

Might Sikhs joining the military be forced to adopt regulation grooming in boot camp while they await a waiver, or seek new waivers every time they are reassigned, Heck asked?

Virginia "Vee" Penrod, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel policy, said it would be up to services, which have not released their companion policies to the DOD instruction.

"We've delegated that to the services, and the reason behind that is the service is in the best position to determine their readiness needs, to determine unit



CARLOS BONGIOANNI/Stars and Stripes

Army Reserve Maj. Kamal S. Kalsi speaks with U.S. Rep. Joe Heck, R-Nev., before the start of a hearing before a House Armed Services Committee personnel subcommittee Wednesday on a Defense Department directive that provides guidance on uniforms and grooming with respect to religious beliefs.

cohesion, safety and health of not only the individual, but the unit," she said. "The service has a responsibility though to look at the request of the individual, and it has to be a compelling governmental interest" before denying a waiver request.

Among other things, Sikhs fear that such waiver requests might take so long to be decided that they would be required to adopt regulation standards in the meantime.

Sikhs are a deeply patriotic group and want to serve in the military while staying true to their faith, said Army Maj. Kamal S. Singh, a military doctor who attended the hearing. He's one of three Sikhs who previously had won exemptions to military grooming policies.

"I'm not a lobbyist, I'm just a soldier," he said. "I'm proof of concept that a Sikh can wear a helmet, can wear a gas mask and get a seal ... that we can do everything that is needed by any soldier,

with our articles of faith intact."

Accommodation for minority religions was not the main concern of the primarily Republican House members present Wednesday. Many of their questions centered around allegations that free expression of faith by Christian believers was being suppressed.

Rep. Alan Nunnelee, R-Miss., raised a question about an alleged instance at Camp Shelby, Miss., of a DOD equal opportunity officer telling soldiers they had to use the term "holidays" instead of "Christmas" to avoid offending members of non-Christian religions.

Instances of Christians being told to be careful how they express their religions are frequent, he said.

"We get the same answer we continually get, and that is, 'This is an isolated incident; it will not happen again,'" Nunnelee said.

On the whole, chaplains and servicemembers at large seem to believe they are able to freely

practice their faiths, the officials said.

Penrod and top chaplains from the departments of the Navy, Army and Air Force said they were aware neither of current reports of chaplains being warned not to freely share their religions, nor of troops reporting instances of improper proselytizing.

The military is absorbing a number of new policies, including recognition of same-sex marriage, and while some may fear a wave of enforced political correctness, that hasn't been the case, Penrod said.

"To my knowledge, we've not had instances where we could pinpoint a specific chaplain that has complained or provided evidence that they have been forced to provide a sermon or attend a ceremony or oversee a ceremony that went against the dictates of their particular religion," she said.

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US sues
KBR over
Iraq work

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government is suing Kellogg, Brown & Root Services Inc., charging that the defense contractor submitted false claims and took kickbacks in connection with a U.S. Army contract in Iraq.

The most shocking accusation, according to the *Military Times*: Workers used “refrigerated trailers to transport ice for consumption by the troops that had previously been used as temporary morgues without first sanitizing them.”

The incidents occurred in 2003 and 2004 throughout Iraq, said a source with detailed knowledge of the suit and circumstances.

According to the *Times*:

“Sometime around July 2003, while R-89 was being used as a morgue, the refrigeration motor broke down, leading KBR to send it back to Kuwait for repairs,” the suit said. “In late August 2003, after R-89 was repaired, KBR used the reefer to transport potable ice for the troops at Camp Matilda in Kuwait. KBR did not properly sanitize R-89 before loading it with potable ice for use by the troops.

“KBR also used other morgue reefers to transport ice and food for human consumption without properly sanitizing them. First, KBR charged the Government for the costs of these reefers without disclosing that they had been used as morgue reefers and had not been properly sanitized.”

The government alleges that KBR employees took kickbacks from two Kuwaiti companies that it hired as subcontractors in 2003 and 2004, then filed claims for reimbursement for inflated costs.

The Justice Department said Thursday that it filed the lawsuit in federal court in Illinois. Houston-based KBR said it could not comment on the lawsuit Thursday because it had just been filed.

KBR had a contract to provide transportation, maintenance, food, shelter and other services to support the Army in Iraq, and it used local subcontractors to perform some of the work.

In the civil lawsuit, the government charged that KBR employees took kickbacks from La Niveira General Trading & Co. Contracting Co. and First Kuwaiti Trading Co. for the award and oversight of subcontractors, then filed false reimbursement claims. In one case, the government said, KBR inflated the value of fuel tankers provided by La Nouvelle, which later gave the KBR employee who awarded the subcontract \$1 million. In another, officials said, KBR continued to make lease payments to First Kuwaiti trucks that KBR had already returned to the subcontractor.

The Justice Department said that federal prosecutors in Illinois have won convictions against 10 companies and individuals in connection with contracts in Iraq, including three KBR subcontract managers.



Courtesy of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction

Salang Hospital in Afghanistan's Parwan province cost nearly \$600,000 to build, but it cannot be fully utilized because of an inadequate supply of electricity, a lack of clean water and other concerns, according to the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

Report: US-funded hospital
in Afghanistan substandardBy JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — More than half a million dollars in U.S. aid money went toward building a hospital in rural Afghanistan that lacks clean water and sufficient electricity and is failing to provide minimum health care for its patients, according to a report released Wednesday by an American government watchdog.

Salang Hospital, which opened its doors in Parwan province a year ago, is plagued by a lack of clean water, electricity and basic equipment, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction found in an investigation.

The understaffed personnel at the facility are doing their best with what they have but, because the hospital was not built to the standards called for in the contract, it is “functioning more as a medical clinic than as a hospital with surgical and diagnostic care,” the report concluded.

“Most notably, there is no clean, permanent water supply and virtually no electrical power,” investigators wrote. “As a result, patients, including newborn babies, are bathed in untreated river

water and, at night, only three light bulbs provide illumination to treat emergency patients.”

In addition, the building itself suffers from structural weaknesses that put it at increased risk of collapse, as it is located in one of the most earthquake-prone areas of the country, the report said.

The hospital was constructed through a \$597,929 contract awarded to an Afghan company, Shafi Hakimi Construction. As the hospital was being constructed in 2012, inspectors from U.S. Forces-Afghanistan reviewed the site and found deficiencies. Nevertheless, the contractor was paid in full without the problems being fixed, according to SIGAR.

USFOR-A defended the hospital in a news release issued on Tuesday in anticipation of the report.

“The U.S.-funded 20-bed Salang Hospital represents a significant step forward in medical services for local Afghans who previously had access to minimal medical care and were forced to travel 30 kilometers down treacherous mountain roads to obtain higher level hospital services,” the statement read.

U.S. officials acknowledged that water for the facility was

provided by a local river, but insisted that it was disinfected prior to use.

Shah Wali Shahid, deputy governor of Parwan province, told Stars and Stripes that the facility has long suffered from problems.

“The hospital had some problems from the beginning, and we told the contractor and [U.S. officials] at that time to solve them,” he said.

SIGAR recommended that USFOR-A determine why the hospital was not built to proper specifications; whether disciplinary action may be needed; and what could be done to fix the problems.

As of the time when SIGAR released the report, USFOR-A had not issued a formal response.

“The staff of Salang hospital should be commended for making the best of the limited facility,” SIGAR investigators concluded. “However, the hospital does not serve the medical needs of the people of Salang district as intended and may be a danger to its patients and staff because of the potential for the structure’s collapse in an earthquake.”

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for the eastern province of Ghazni, said another three civilians were wounded in the blast in a bazaar in the Qarabagh district of the province Wednesday.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing in an emailed statement.

Also Wednesday, Nang said,

15 Taliban fighters were killed in an operation conducted by the Afghan National Security Forces in Ghazni’s district of Andar. He said he was not aware of any casualties suffered by government forces. He had no other details.

From The Associated Press

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Medals review

The Pentagon has announced a broad-ranging review to settle questions on the military’s full range of medals and awards.

Readers respond:

The BSM is the most abused and misdirected medal. It was instituted in WWII as an award intended for infantrymen and others after long front-line combat in consideration of their exposure to death and maiming and as a morale measure. Now, the BSM goes to Finance O-3s, HQ staff and others based on rank, while the E-4 infantryman is lucky to get an Achievement or Commendation medal.

— Commander_Chico

Start by getting rid of all the ‘participation’ medals, National Defense, War On Terror Service, the Army and Air Force’s Service ribbons. We’re the military not a tee ball club, we don’t do trophies for just being on the team.

— Troy Stull

Perhaps there are three classes of medals:

1. earned by heroic combat action
2. given for outstanding support of combat operations
3. promotion advancement enhancements. It should follow that order of precedence reflect this hierarchy.

— mytakeits

The only thing that ever mattered to me was recognition and thanks from my guys after it was all over. ... That’s just me, I never felt the desire to parade my salad around those silly dining-in functions.

— Wally

Stop using any medal that was originally meant for valor as a reward for merely doing ones job when not actually in danger. It sickens me how many Bronze Stars were issued to folks who never left the confines of Camp Arifjan, their biggest decision was all the DFAC...steak or lobster?

— CaptBuck

You mean they have not been reviewing this already?

— parkers61

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PACIFIC

North Korea resumes rhetoric over training

By ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's propaganda machine is churning out near-daily diatribes against the United States and South Korea for a series of soon-to-start military maneuvers, warning that nuclear war could be imminent and saying it will take dramatic action of its own if further provoked.

Sound familiar?

Pyeongyang's increasingly shrill opposition to the annual joint drills looks very similar to the kind of vitriol that preceded the start of the same exercises last year and led to a steep rise in tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

That round of escalation culminated in threats of a nuclear strike on Washington and the flattening of Seoul before the maneuvers ended and both sides went back to their corners.

It appears the first stages of this year's battle have already begun — though some experts say they don't think it will be as high-pitched as last year's.

In the latest of the North's increasingly frequent salvos against the exercises, it said through its state-run media that the United States is building up its military forces in Asia so it can invade the country

— formally called the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK — and take control of the whole region.

"It is the strategic goal of the U.S. to invade the DPRK, bring its neighboring countries under its control with it as a stepping-stone and, furthermore, dominate the whole Asia-Pacific region," the ruling party's Rodong Sinmun said in an analysis Monday. "The U.S. is working hard to kick off large-scale joint military drills this year, too, for the purpose of mounting a pre-emptive nuclear attack upon the DPRK."

The invectives against the exercises began earlier this month, when the North's powerful National Defense Commission proposed the rivals halt military actions and "mutual vilification" to build better relations.

The North, however, strongly hinted it would maintain its nuclear weapons program while urging South Korea to cancel the drills with the United States, set to begin in late February.

Pyeongyang's ambassador to key ally China offered a somewhat less caustic line at a rare news conference Wednesday. Ji Jae Ryong told international media the North wanted to reduce tensions to allow steps toward reconciliation and eventual unification between North and South.



AP

U.S. and South Korean soldiers take part in a joint military exercise in South Korea in May 2013. North Korea has issued a series of diatribes against the U.S. and South Korea in advance of this year's joint training.

"First, we propose taking preparatory measures in response to the warm call for creating an atmosphere for improving North-South ties," Ji said. "In this regard, we officially propose the South Korean authorities take critical measures of halting acts of provoking and slandering the other side from Jan. 30."

Ji reiterated that Pyongyang had no intention of abandoning its nuclear weapons program.

Seoul-based analyst Daniel Pinkston, of the International Crisis Group, said that although some experts saw the proposal as an overture or part of a "charm offense"

by the North, it was intended more as a means of setting the stage for more heated actions ahead — since Pyongyang has no reason to expect that Washington and Seoul would seriously consider nixing Foal Eagle.

"It feeds into the propaganda cycle again," he said. "It's a way of showing the domestic audience that, 'we made a serious overture. We tried to bend over backwards. But they showed their true colors.'"

"I don't see any cooperative measures or charm offensive at all."

Seoul and Washington have essentially ignored the North's proposal.

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PACIFIC

Budget cuts limit Pacific middle school sports

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Some middle school athletes at Defense Department schools in the Pacific have become the latest victims of defense budget cuts.

In an effort to cut costs, the Department of Defense Education Activity announced this week that it will strictly enforce a prohibition on middle-schoolers representing their schools in competitive sports, such as cross-country, track, golf, tennis and wrestling.

Some schools had, for many years, allowed middle school students to travel to high school competitions and participate in "exhibition" events. For example, an eighth-grader could take part in a cross-country event with the high school team, but his or her times would not count in the actual competition.

The number of middle school athletes taking part would depend on the skill level of the different athletes and the number of spots open to those athletes to travel with the varsity team.

DODEA's financial woes — part of the larger Defense Department sequestration — have forced drastic cuts to high school sports this year, and that means the end of middle school athletes participating in varsity events, according to officials.

"Our athletic budget has been reduced, and that has created anger for some folks," DODEA Japan District superintendent Lois Rapp told about 50 concerned parents during a meeting at Yokota Middle School

on Tuesday night.

Travel for sports has become more expensive, Rapp told the parents. It cost \$25,000 to fly a school cross-country team from Sasebo to Misawa for a recent meet, for example, she said.

DODEA athletic directors worldwide have been ordered to bring schools back in line with regulations that prohibit middle school sports teams and students traveling for athletic competition, Rapp said.

That doesn't mean the end of middle school sports altogether, Rapp said.

"There is no intent to have no athletic opportunities at the middle schools," she told the parents.

Instead of competing against other schools, students will be allowed to participate in sports only with students from their own school, she said.

"Athletics are not funded for DODEA until high school level, other than for intramural purposes," she said. "You can have a Yokota track club but not a track team."

In that respect, DODEA is different from most stateside school districts, where students can begin participating in many school-sponsored sports starting in the sixth grade.

Rapp said officials are looking at the potential for schools to partner with on-base youth sports organizations. Those organizations, such as the Army's Child, Youth and School Service, historically have picked up the slack for athletes who have yet to enter high school.

Rapp told parents Tuesday that the deci-

sion wasn't made lightly.

"This isn't something we have pulled out of the sky and decided we are going to be mean and now you can't have a team anymore," she said. "We are going to follow the regulation, but we are going to look for ways to support any child in these activities."

Parents at the Yokota meeting didn't appear pleased. One audience member who traveled from Yokosuka Naval Base described the decision to shut down the middle school track team, built up to 80 members after 10 years, as "heartbreaking."

David Belt, whose daughter, Virginia, 13, has run track and cross-country for Yokota Middle School for three years, said parents are disappointed the decision came just before the start of track season next month.

About 50 children are involved in cross-country, with more than 60 running track for the middle school, he said.

The school participates in about 15 cross-country and track meets each year against international and Japanese schools. Team uniforms are funded by the PTA, and the only cost to DODEA is transport, provided on a space-available basis on buses used by high school athletes, he said.

There's a concern that other activities, such as school bands, could be next on the chopping block, Belt said.

Parents hope DODEA will suspend enforcement of the regulation, at least until the 2014-15 school year, he said.

Danielle Byrd, whose daughter runs cross-country for Yokota Middle School,

said intramural sports would not expose children to real competition.

"There were six girls on the cross-country team last season," she said. "How is that going to be competitive?"

In Europe, DODES-Europe athletic director Karen Seadore said middle school students in individual sports such as track and field and tennis are allowed to practice with the high school team and compete at home events on an exhibition basis, with their results not included in team totals. Middle-schoolers can't travel or compete at road events. That's a change from last season, when middle school athletes could travel and compete in individual sports if space allowed.

Duane Werner, principal of Naples Middle/High School in Italy, said he'd prefer to keep taking middle school students when space is available, but he believes DODEA had to draw a line out of fairness because team sizes and travel arrangements vary.

He said he has heard some concern from parents of middle-schoolers on the cross-country team.

Those students can still show up to home competitions, Werner said, but they now compete against teammates. That's what middle school students did in a recent wrestling match in Aviano, he said, and it's what they did during a cross-country meet in Naples last year.

"They still ran, but it essentially became a Naples Middle School race," he said.

Stars and Stripes reporters Steven Beardsley and Gregory Broome contributed to this report. robson.seth@stripes.com

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STATE OF THE UNION



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Barack Obama signs an autograph after giving his State of the Union address on Tuesday.

Staying close to home

Domestic issues dominate president's annual address

By STEVEN R. HURST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama set off Wednesday on a four-city tour to pound home his annual State of the Union message, a major pep talk to a pessimistic nation, a call to action by a divided Congress and a promise to sidestep legislative gridlock by using his executive powers where he can.

Obama maintained his recent focus on America's vast income inequality that has only grown worse in the aftermath of the Great Recession and near collapse of the economy in 2008.

Obama, speaking in what is traditionally a president's biggest speech of the year, was trying as well to set the stage for Democratic victories in the November midterm congressional elections at a time when his popularity has fallen dramatically despite a steadily improving economy. He is particularly dogged by stubbornly high unemployment.

"America does not stand still, and neither will I," the president said in his nationally televised State of the Union address to a packed House of Representatives chamber. "So whatever and wherever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do."

Republicans, especially in the House, have managed to stymie most of the president's legislative agenda since they retook the House in 2010. Their leader, Speaker John Boehner, was quick to dismiss Obama's plans for executive action.

"The president must understand his power is limited by our Constitution, and the authority he has doesn't add up to much for those without opportunity in this economy," he said.

Obama has acknowledged he faces constitutional limits in acting without Congress, but realizes he still faces a wall of Republican

opposition. He nevertheless renewed his calls for forward motion on his legislative agenda of creating jobs, overhauling immigration laws, combating climate change and more. Absent Republican compromises, Obama declared he would rely on executive orders where and when he could.

From Boehner down, there was little evidence they intended to move Obama's way.

"Too many people are falling further and further behind because, right now, the president's policies are making people's lives harder," Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers said in the Republicans' official response.

The State of the Union address to Congress, a tradition begun by President George Washington, was replete with all the political pageantry that Washington can muster. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg opened her arms wide to give a grinning Obama a huge hug as he walked past her on the way to the speaker's rostrum, where he kicked the sixth year of his presidency into high gear.

The galleries ringing the floor were crowded with guests, also part of the traditional setting. But in the evening's most stirring moment the longest — and most bipartisan — applause went to Army Sgt. 1st Class Cory Rensburg, gravely injured by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Rensburg was seated next to first lady Michelle Obama.

By contrast, Obama's mention of the health care overhaul that bears his name brought cheers from Democrats and silence from Republicans, who have spent the past three years trying to repeal a program they loathe.

"Let's not have another 40-something votes to repeal a law that's already helping millions of Americans," Obama said of repeated House Republican attempts to kill the law.

While domestic issues domi-

nated the speech, Obama also warned Congress he would veto any sanctions bill that threatens to derail talks with Iran, even as he acknowledged that the negotiations may not succeed.

On Syria, he pledged "to work with the international community to usher in the future the Syrian people deserve — a future free of dictatorship, terror and fear."

Obama reaffirmed that the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan will formally conclude at the end of this year. But he said a small contingent of American forces could be left behind if the Afghan government quickly signs a bilateral security agreement, a prospect that looks increasingly uncertain.

Obama said the United States "will continue to focus on the Asia-Pacific" and called the alliance with Europe "the strongest the world has ever known."

Obama voiced his determination to close the income gap between rich and poor as he tries to reverse a big decline in his approval among Americans.

Obama has some hope of winning support for an immigration overhaul, as Republicans try to build support among the country's growing Hispanic population ahead of the election.

But the White House sees a robust rollout of executive actions as the most effective way to show the public that Obama still wields power in the sixth year of his presidency.

Speech, in short

By CHRIS CILLIZZA
The Washington Post

1 Congress is so last year. As expected, President Barack Obama made clear — in terms of the policy proposals he outlined and the rhetoric he used to do it — that his focus for the next year would be on what he could do without Congress. Obama also dedicated a significant amount of time — including the closing moments of the speech — to foreign policy, a place where he has more leeway to act without Congress. It's easy to cast this speech as poisoning the well between Obama and Congress. But that well was poisoned long ago. This speech simply formalized that reality.

2 A little flattery goes a long way. Despite the fact that relations between Obama and Congress are bad and won't be getting any better anytime soon, the president did show a defensiveness he either didn't possess or chose not to wield in years past when he praised House Speaker John Boehner as an example of the American dream. "Here in America, our success should not depend on an accident of birth but the strength of our work ethic and the scope of our dreams," Obama said. "That's what drew our forebears here ... [that's] how the son of a barkeeper is speaker of the House." Cue huge and sustained applause and a surprised (and undoubtedly flattered) Boehner. Would a few more flourishes like that one thrown Boehner's way have made any difference in the duo's now-frosty relationship? Maybe not. But they sure wouldn't have hurt.

3 Immigration is our only hope. Obama's rhetoric — guarded, hopeful, insistent

— on immigration reform suggests that he genuinely believes there is a possibility of getting something done on the issue this year. "Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have acted," Obama said. "I know that members of both parties in the House want to do the same." That's an olive branch extension if ever we've heard one. Will/can House Republican leaders — many of whom applauded Obama's line on immigration — grasp it?

4 A health care showdown. If you were wondering whether or Obama would back down on highlighting the good that he believes has come from the Affordable Care Act, you got your answer — in a major way. "Let's not have another 40-something votes to repeal a law that is already helping millions of Americans," Obama scolded, repeating the 40-votes line for emphasis. Top Republican congressional aides immediately took to Twitter insisting they welcomed a fight on health care.

5 Gun control's disappearing act. Remember that the emotional centerpiece of Obama's 2013 State of the Union speech was his insistence that the tragedy in Newtown, Conn., had changed the dynamic of guns in our culture and his demand that the victims of that shooting — and others like it — get a simple up or down vote. That up or down vote never happened. And, this year, Obama paid little more than lip service to gun violence — devoting a single paragraph buried in the middle of the speech to the topic.

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STATE OF THE UNION

Obama salutes Ranger who 'never gives up'

By **LEO SHANE III**
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — While Tuesday's State of the Union address only lightly touched on military and veterans issues, a wounded Army Ranger provided the most memorable moment of the night.

Near the end of the hourlong speech, President Barack Obama singled out gallery guest Cory Rensburg, an Army Ranger seriously wounded in Afghanistan during his 10th deployment there in 2009, as an example of the unbreakable American spirit.

"Over the years, he's endured dozens of surgeries and procedures, hours of grueling rehab every day," Obama said. "But slowly, steadily, with the support of caregivers like his dad, Craig, and the community around him, Cory has grown stronger. And, day by day, he's learned to speak again and stand again and walk again."

"And he's working toward the day when he can serve his country again. My recovery has not been easy," he says. "Nothing in life that's worth anything is easy."

The comments drew a standing ovation from lawmakers which grew when Rensburg struggled to his feet (with help from his father) to wave to the gallery. He gave a thumbs up and a smile when the president saluted him.

Rensburg could be seen throughout the speech, beside first lady Michelle

Obama, thumping his hand on his chest in lieu of applause because of injuries to his left arm.

The president and the wounded soldier have met several times before. Rensburg was part of a honorary detail at a 2009 D-Day commemoration in France and shook hands with the commander-in-chief. Less than a year later, Obama saw him again, this time while he was in a coma recovering from a roadside bomb attack.

In August, Obama visited him third time to track his recovery. The president recounted the experience at the Disabled American Veterans annual convention a few days later.

"He wanted to show me something," Obama said. "And he leaned out of his chair. And he reached out and grabbed his walker. And with the help of his parents, he pulled himself forward and he stood up. And he looked at me, and he gave me a sharp salute."

"He said, 'Rangers lead the way.'"

Veterans groups hailed Rensburg's appearance as a reminder for civilians that the wounds of war will linger far after the fight in Afghanistan is over. Obama hailed him as a role model for the country.

"Like the Army he loves, like the America he serves, Sergeant First Class Cory Rensburg never gives up, and he does not quit," Obama said.

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Army Ranger Sgt. 1st Class Cory Rensburg acknowledges a standing ovation and applause from lawmakers and others after being introduced by President Barack Obama during the State of the Union address in Washington on Tuesday.

State: Afghans try to see hope for country's future between the lines in president's address

FROM FRONT PAGE

Whether American and allied troops stay into next year depends on the signing of a bilateral security agreement that was painstakingly negotiated. Afghan President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign the agreement, even at the urging of a council of elders he convened last November who represented a cross-section of Afghan society.

"After 2014, we will support a unified Afghanistan as it takes responsibility for its own future," Obama said, but U.S. forces could remain "if the Afghan government signs" the security agreement.

Thomas Ruttig, co-director of the Afghanistan Analysts Network, said Obama did not indicate what the consequences might be if Karzai does not sign the agreement.

"For me, the most important word in that text on that issue is that there's a big 'if,'" Ruttig said, referring to a transcript of the speech.

Ruttig said patience with Karzai in the U.S. Congress is clearly wearing thin — as evidenced by a recent vote slashing humanitarian and military aid to Afghanistan — and the American public is tired of American servicemembers dying there.

But Afghans are still at war, he added, and many paid close attention to Obama's speech, which many Afghan TV stations aired in full with translations in the local

'Afghanistan is still in a strategic position, and the big countries recognize this. I believe that the U.S. and NATO will not ignore Afghanistan again like they did in the 1990s.'

Sultan Mohammed
Afghan businessman

languages.

The lack of news in the address, which ran live early Wednesday morning Afghanistan time, made for little buzz in the streets of Kabul, but for those who watched, the president's messages about the long-term security agreement and the departure of American troops came across loud and clear.

For Sultan Mohammed, who owns a real estate business in the Afghan capital, and his employee, Amanullah Ismaili, the unsigned bilateral security agreement is key to ensuring that foreign aid keeps flowing to Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan is in a crucial situation where we are trying to recover from war," Mohammed

said. "But we cannot develop, we cannot improve without the help of the United States."

He said he believed Obama's pledge that the United States will "support a unified Afghanistan as it takes responsibility for its own future."

"Afghanistan is still in a strategic position, and the big countries recognize this," Mohammed said. "I believe that the U.S. and NATO will not ignore Afghanistan again like they did in the 1990s."

Ismaili agreed.

"Over the last 10 years, the United States has poured a lot of money into Afghanistan," he said. "A lot was stolen, but a lot went to improving our lives. We now have better roads, education and things like phones."

Other Afghans who watched Obama's address were less enthusiastic about the future of U.S.-Afghan relations. Mohammed Azim, a shopkeeper in Kabul, said the uncertainty over the BSA is hurting business, but that it should only be signed if it is in Afghanistan's interests.

That's only fair, he argued, because American aid is likely only to continue as long as it fits the United States' interests.

"As soon as they have finished their agenda, they will stop helping," he said.

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NATION



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Abandoned vehicles line I-285 early Wednesday in Dunwoody, Ga., after a rare winter storm hit Georgia. While such amounts barely qualify as a storm in the north, it was enough to paralyze the Deep South.

Deep South mired in winter storm

By RAY HENRY AND RUSS BYNUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Students spent the night on buses or at schools, commuters abandoned their cars or idled in them all night and the highways-turned-parking lots iced over when a winter storm slammed the city, creating a treacherous traffic jam that lasted into Wednesday.

It wasn't clear exactly how many people were still stranded out on the roads nearly 24 hours after the storm hit the Deep South on Tuesday, paralyzing the region. The timing of when things would clear was also uncertain because temperatures were not expected to be above freezing for very long to give the roads a chance to thaw.

Authorities were working to get food, water, gas and blankets to people still stranded in their cars, and National Guard vehicles and police were to escort home the children who were still at schools.

The rare snowstorm deposited mere inches of snow, but overnight the South saw fatal crashes and hundreds of fender-benders. Jackknifed 18-wheelers littered Interstate 65 in central Alabama.

Ice shut down bridges on Florida's panhandle and the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway,



MARY ANN CHASTAIN/AP

A family sleds at Emily Douglas Park in Columbia, S.C. on Wednesday as Gov. Nikki Haley declared a weather state of emergency.

one of the world's longest spans, in Louisiana. Some commuters pleaded for help via cell-phones while still holed up in their cars, and others trudged miles home, abandoning their vehicles outright.

Linda Moore spent 12 hours stuck in her car on Interstate 65 south of Birmingham before a firefighter used a ladder to help her cross the median wall and a shuttle bus took her to a hotel where about 20 other stranded motorists spent the night in a conference room.

"I boochoed a lot," she said. "It was traumatic. I'm just glad I didn't have to stay on that Interstate all night, but there are still people out there."

Some employers such as Blue Cross Blue Shield in Alabama had hundreds of people sleeping in offices overnight. Workers watched movies on their laptops, and office cafeterias gave away food.

Atlanta, hub to major corporations and the world's busiest airport, once again found itself unprepared to deal with the chaos — despite assurances that city officials had learned their lessons from a 2011 ice storm that brought the city to its knees. Some residents expressed outrage that more precautions weren't taken this time around and schools and other facilities weren't closed ahead of time.

Officials from schools and that state said weather forecasts indicated the area would not see more than a dusting of snow and that it didn't become clear until late Tuesday morning that those were wrong.

School closed as police shoot teenage runaway

HONOLULU — A Hawaii high school is expected to resume normal operations Wednesday after a police officer shot a 17-year-old runaway on campus, prompting a lockdown and canceling classes.

The teen was shot in the wrist Tuesday after cutting one officer with a knife and punching two others, authorities said.

State Department of Education spokeswoman Donalyn Dela Cruz said the boy showed up at Roosevelt High School near downtown Honolulu, and officials there recognized him as a runaway and called police. The boy previously had been a student at the public school, but he wasn't registered for classes there this semester, she said.

US charges against mob figure dropped

PHILADELPHIA — With the last of the federal charges against him dropped, reputed mob boss Joseph "Uncle Joe" Ligambi walked out of the U.S. District Courthouse in Philadelphia a free man Tuesday morning.

"I'm going to go home and relax," Ligambi, 74, told reporters. "It's freezing out." Wearing a black wool trench, he climbed into a black sedan on Market Street with his nephew Anthony Borgesi.

Ligambi's chilly walk to freedom came days after a federal jury deadlocked on the last of the racketeering and gambling charges against him — and hours after U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno, on a motion from prosecutors, dismissed the remaining counts. Ligambi had been in custody since his indictment in 2011.

Man jailed for silence in bombing released

NEW YORK — A 24-year-old man has been freed from prison after he was jailed last May for refusing to testify before a grand jury looking into a small bomb that exploded in Times Square in 2008.

No arrests were ever made in the Times Square military recruitment center bombing that resulted in no injuries or serious damage.

U.S. Judge John Keenan said Tuesday that Gerald Koch could be freed because there is no realistic possibility he will testify.

Keenan noted that Koch condemned the crime. Keenan said if Koch assists in the investigation, "he will be excommunicated by the anarchist community he cherishes."

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NATION

Teacher names son after young tornado victim

By KRISTI EATON
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The school's wall collapsed onto Jennifer Doan Rogers as she desperately tried to protect her third-grade students when a tornado ripped through their Oklahoma community. The young teacher had laid one of her hands on Nicolas McCabe, a 9-year-old with an infectious grin.

It wasn't enough to protect him. The monstrous tornado leveled part of Plaza Towers Elementary School in Moore, killing six of her students — including Nicolas — last spring. Rogers, who was eight weeks pregnant at the time, lay buried under the rubble with a broken back.

"He was actually the closest one to me, that I had my hand on, that didn't make it," she said.

Seven months later, Rogers gave birth to a boy. She named him after Nicolas.

Rogers, 31, said she had been thinking about it for some time. She was unsure if it would bring her more sadness to name her own son after her former student, a little boy who loved riding his go-kart and, according to his father, never met a stranger. He also was very close to his mother.

Ultimately, Rogers said, she and her husband decided on Jack Nicolas.

The new mother hoped her infant son, who was born in December, would help her recovery from the injuries — both physical and emotional — that she suffered during



Sue Osores/AP

Jennifer Doan Rogers and her husband, Nyle, hold their baby, Jack Nicolas Rogers, in their home in Edmond, Okla., on Tuesday. The baby is named for a student who died in the 2013 Oklahoma City tornado.

the storm. The top-tier EF5 tornado, with winds exceeding 200 mph, ripped a 17-mile path of devastation through the Oklahoma City suburb on May 20. The storm killed 24 people and destroyed dozens of homes

and buildings, including two elementary schools.

Nicolas' father, Scott McCabe, struggles to talk about losing his only son. But he said that Nicolas, regardless of someone's age

or gender, would befriend them. He often shared his lunches with his friends.

Learning that Nicolas' teacher was naming her own son after his brought a wave of emotions, McCabe said.

"It's real hard. He was my only son. I mean I'm honored, yes, but she was the last one to touch Nicolas," McCabe said as he broke down in tears. "I don't know how to put it; she was the last one to see my little boy. And it's still kind of hard."

Rogers, too, is still recovering. She suffered a fractured spine and sternum. She refused pain medication for fear it would harm her baby, and she wore a back brace for several weeks.

"It was a lot harder than my other pregnancies, for sure," said Rogers, who also has two daughters, ages 6 and 3. "I was so limited. I couldn't do a whole lot. For a while after everything happened I was in a full brace and carrying him and it just, I mean, it was rough."

She is determined to complete the necessary work to go back into the classroom. Though she knows it will be tough, she said she hopes to get approval to return to teaching next school year — at Plaza Towers.

The school is being rebuilt, this time with reinforced safe rooms that can withstand powerful storms.

"I just feel like there's a lot of me in there still," Rogers said. "I would think it's hard at the same time, but it'll be a new year and a new building."

Proponents, foes of Utah same-sex marriage face off

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A little more than a month after a surprising federal court ruling overturned this conservative state's ban on gay marriage, the battle over the issue reached the Capitol building Tuesday as hundreds of opponents and supporters of same-sex marriage held twin rallies.

Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, said Utah has become the epicenter of the fight over marriage and how it's decided. "Activist judges now feel no qualms in simply putting forward their opinion as the law," Brown said. "The people of Utah voted on this."

Brown's Washington-based group, which opposes same-sex marriage, held a rally inside the Capitol building with a local group called Celebration of Marriage. About 700 people attended, with many holding pink and blue signs handed out by organizers with messages such as "Biology is not

bigotry."

Several supporters of gay marriage were escorted out by security officers after they interrupted the event by yelling, "Equality now." Other protesters sat on the floor in the middle of the event and threw glitter.

A few hours earlier, about 300 supporters of same-sex marriage rallied at the Capitol steps, carrying rainbow flags and homemade signs with messages such as "Love is Legal" and "It's okay to be gay."

Speakers called for the recognition of same-sex marriages and attacked arguments made by their opponents that children do best with a mother and a father.

"Marriage is the foundation of society," said Mark Lawrence, director of the group Restore Our Humanity, which is backing the legal challenge to the gay marriage ban. "Yes, we agree with that. And that foundation will only be strengthened when it's built upon equality, decency and humanity."

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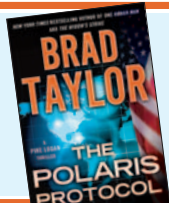
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WORLD

Amnesty for protesters in Kiev debated

By YURAS KARMANAU
AND JIM HEINTZ
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's parliament discussed an amnesty Wednesday for those arrested during weeks of protests in the crisis-torn country, but some of the possible conditions attached to it would be unacceptable to the opposition.

The amnesty bill is part of a series of concessions from embattled President Viktor Yanukovich after a week of street clashes between police and protesters and protesters' seizure of government buildings in western Ukraine. The prime minister has resigned and harsh anti-protest laws have been recalled but those moves did not address the protesters' other key demands that Yanukovich resign and early elections be held.

Two amnesty proposals were up for a parliamentary vote Wednesday, one of which says amnesty would be granted only if demonstrators leave their massive street protests and vacate buildings they occupy.

Opposition leader Arseniy Yatsenyuk said the protesters will not agree to leave the streets in exchange for an amnesty and wanted the condition dropped.

Over the course of two months, anti-government protesters have established a large tent camp in the main square of Kiev, called the Maidan, and seized three buildings nearby as operation centers and sleeping quarters. They have also erected large barricades of ice, wood, furniture and other materials.

"They have set a number of conditions, and the key condition under the draft bill is to let the Maidan go and only afterwards all protesters will get an amnesty," Yatsenyuk said. "This is unacceptable for us."

Meanwhile, one group of protesters clashed with another Wednesday in bid to free a government building in the center of Kiev, which they had seized. At least two protesters were injured.

Andriy Khronets, an activist with the Svoboda party which represents more moderate protesters, tried to force members of the more militant Spilna Sprava group to vacate the Agriculture Ministry building as part of a compromise with the government.

"We must be seen as people who can fulfill one's



DARKO BANDIC/AP

A protester warms up near a barricade in central Kiev, Ukraine, on Wednesday, as the parliament considers whether to grant amnesty to those arrested during weeks of protests.

obligations," Khronets told The Associated Press outside the building. "There should be no anarchy."

The protests erupted after Yanukovich turned down a deal in November with the European Union in favor of getting a \$15 billion bailout from Russia, but they have since shifted to demanding more human rights, less corruption and more democracy in this nation of 45 million.

Snowden nominated for 2014 Peace Prize

The Associated Press

STAVANGER, Norway — Two Norwegian lawmakers say they have jointly nominated former NSA contractor Edward Snowden for the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.

Socialist lawmakers Baard Vegard Solhjell, a former environment minister, and Snorre Valen said Wednesday the public debate and policy changes "in the wake of Snowden's whistle-blowing has contributed to a more stable and peaceful world order."

Being nominated just means Snowden will be one of scores of names that the Nobel committee will consider for the prestigious award.

The five-member panel won't



Snowden

confirm who's been nominated but those who submit nominations sometimes make them public.

Nominators, including members of national parliaments and governments, university professors and previous laureates, must enter their submissions by Feb. 1.

The prize committee members can add their own candidates at their first meeting after that deadline.

Eastern Europe hit by bitter cold, wind, snow

The Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — A cold spell and snowstorms are sweeping across parts of central and eastern Europe, disrupting power supplies, travel and schools. Four people have died in Bulgaria over the past few days, and Wednesday was the coldest day of the year in Moscow.

In Bulgaria, heavy snow and strong winds have left dozens of villages in the eastern half of the Balkan country without electricity and water.

A 76-year-old man died after getting stuck in a snowdrift in the village of Povet, near the Bulgarian-Turkish border. Three other men have died in weather-related incidents in eastern villages in the last two days.

Many roads are closed to traffic while rescue teams try to bring food supplies to remote areas. Hundreds of schools remain closed, and the main Black Sea port of Varna was shut because of

high winds.

Snow fell in the central Adriatic coast in Croatia, which is highly unusual because the region has a Mediterranean climate. The ice and snow in the seaside town of Sibenik prompted authorities to close down schools there. Heavy snow was also falling in neighboring Montenegro, causing road traffic problems.

Temperatures dipped to -8 F in Moscow and -24 F in surrounding regions, making it the coldest day of the year in the Russian capital.

The temperature was 10 degrees below average for this time of year and expected to drop further. Many Muscovites, however, welcomed the sun and blues skies of a real Russian winter after the gray clouds that hung over the capital for much of December and January.

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WORLD

Syria talks in Geneva take 'positive' step

BY ZEINA KARAM
The Associated Press

GENEVA — Syrian negotiators discussed the establishment of a transitional government body for the first time Wednesday, an opposition delegate said, describing it as a "positive step forward," a day after talks were cut short over a U.S. decision to resume aid to the opposition.

Despite the apparent small step in the peace talks, chances for a breakthrough before everyone goes home Friday appear almost nil as both sides continue to blame each other for an impasse.

Louay Safi, a spokesman for the opposition's negotiating team, said the government delegation stuck to its demand that putting an end to terrorism was still its No. 1 priority. Nevertheless, the fact that the transition was even on the table was a good sign, Safi

“The regime's delegation has to accept to discuss this topic and to engage in a serious negotiation.”

Robert Ford
U.S. ambassador to Syria

said.

"Today we had a positive step forward because for the first time now we are talking about the transitional governing body, the body whose responsibility is to end dictatorship and move toward democracy and end the fighting and misery in Syria," he said.

The government seems "more ready to discuss that issue, but still they're trying to push it to the back of the discussion," Safi said. "We told them that this has to come first, because nothing else

can be achieved before we form a transitional governing body."

Bouthaina Shaaban, an adviser to Syrian President Bashar Assad, confirmed that both sides touched on the issue, but described Wednesday's talks as constructive for another reason.

"The talks have been positive today actually because they spoke about terrorism," she said.

Safi and Shaaban spoke after a meeting between government and opposition delegates with the U.N.-Arab League mediator

Lakhdar Brahimi.

A deal to allow humanitarian aid into the besieged central city of Homs remain stalled, with the Syrian delegation demanding assurances the U.S. aid will not go to "armed and terrorist groups" in the central city.

The negotiations aimed at ending Syria's 3-year-old conflict began Friday in Geneva, and Brahimi has said both sides were willing to continue despite a lack of progress.

The talks were cut short Tuesday over the U.S. decision to restart deliveries of nonlethal aid to the Syrian opposition, more than a month after al-Qaida-linked militants seized warehouses and prompted a sudden cutoff of Western supplies to the rebels.

The officials said the communications equipment and other items are being funneled only to non-armed opposition groups, but

the move boosts Syria's beleaguered rebels, who seek their international support slide, in large part because of the extremists among their ranks.

The U.S. ambassador to Syria, Robert Ford, told the Dubai-based opposition Orient TV Tuesday that the establishment of a transitional governing body was crucial.

"The regime's delegation has to accept to discuss this topic and to engage in a serious negotiation," he said.

Talks have also stalled over Homs, which has been under siege for nearly two years. One complication in allowing in humanitarian aid and evacuating the city's residents is that the opposition delegation doesn't control armed groups inside Syria, including al-Qaida-backed militants, who don't feel bound by agreements reached in Geneva.



CTV/AP

Parrot for the pope

Francesco Lombardi, right, offers his parrot, Amore, to Pope Francis during the pope's tour through the crowd at the Vatican on Wednesday. On Sunday, children flanking Francis set free two white doves on St. Peter's Square and the birds were attacked by a crow and seagull. Animal rights activists have urged Francis to end the tradition of releasing the doves, saying domesticated doves can't survive in the wild.

Passenger statistics soar at Dubai airport

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The operator of the Middle East's biggest airport in Dubai says its annual passenger traffic numbers have surged 15 percent to top the 60 million mark for the first time ever.

Airport operator Dubai Airports said Wednesday that Dubai International handled 66.4 million passengers in 2013, including more than a record 6 million in December alone. That's up from 57.7 million in 2012.

Helping drive the growth are an increased number of wide-body jets that can haul large numbers of passengers and new destinations being added by hometown airlines Emirates and discount carrier FlyDubai.

Dubai International is the Middle East commercial hub's main airport. It opened a new concourse early last year purpose-built for the double-decker Airbus A380.

A second Dubai airport began operating commercial passenger flights in October.

UN inspectors to visit uranium mine in Iran

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — An Iranian official says a group of U.N. inspectors are on the way to visit a key uranium mine as part of a deal to allow expanded monitoring of the country's nuclear sites.

Nuclear spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi told the official IRNA news agency that the inspectors were en route Wednesday to Bandar Abbas to visit the nearby Gachin mine.

Tehran and the U.N. nuclear

watchdog — the International Atomic Energy Agency — struck a deal in November that grants U.N. inspectors wider access to Iran's nuclear facilities.

The deal was parallel to an agreement with world powers to have Iran halt its most sensitive uranium enrichment activities in return for easing of Western sanctions over its controversial nuclear program.

Tehran denies Western charges that it seeks to make nuclear weapons.

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OPINION

Address college's diminishing returns

By KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama is correct in wanting to make higher education more affordable and accessible, but Americans would also be correct in wondering just what they're paying for.

The need for a better-educated populace is beyond dispute. Without critical thinking skills and a solid background in history, the arts and sciences, how can a nation hope to govern itself.

Answer: Look around.

The problem isn't only that higher education is unaffordable to many but that even at our highest-ranked colleges and universities, students aren't getting much bang for their buck.

Since 1985, the price of higher education has increased 538 percent, according to a new study from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a nonprofit, non-partisan research group that encourages trustees and alumni to foster improvement where institutions may be reluctant to go against popular trends.

For perspective, compare tuition increases with a "mere" 286 percent increase in medical costs and a 121 percent increase in the consumer price index during the same period, according to ACTA.

Although the council confined its research in this study to "Education or Reputation?"—to the 20 top-ranked liberal-arts schools in the nation, where tuition, boarding and books typically run more than \$50,000 per year, the trends highlighted are not confined to small liberal arts colleges. These include an increasing lack of academic rigor, grade inflation, high administrative costs and a lack of intellectual diversity.

By GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON Someone you probably are not familiar with has filed a suit you probably have not heard about concerning a four-word phrase you should know about. The suit could blow to smithereens something everyone has heard altogether too much about, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (hereafter, ACA).

Scott Pruitt and some kindred spirits might accelerate the ACA's collapse by blocking another of the Obama administration's lawless uses of the Internal Revenue Service. Pruitt was elected Oklahoma's attorney general by promising to defend states' prerogatives against federal encroachments, and today he and some properly litigious people elsewhere are defending a state prerogative that the ACA explicitly created. If they succeed, the ACA's disintegration will accelerate.

Because under the ACA, insurance companies cannot refuse coverage because of an individual's pre-existing condition. Because many people might therefore wait to purchase insurance after they become sick, the ACA requires a mandate to compel people to buy insurance. And because many people cannot afford the insurance that satisfies the ACA's criteria, the ACA mandate makes it necessary to provide subsidies for the poor.

The four words that threaten disaster for the ACA say the subsidies shall be available to people who purchase health insurance in an exchange "established by the state." But 34 states have chosen not to establish exchanges.

So the IRS, which is charged with enforcing the ACA, has ridden to the rescue of Barack Obama's pride and joy. Taking

While these recent findings are not so surprising to those who follow such studies, one can still be surprised by what can only be described as a breach of trust between colleges and the students they attract with diversions and amenities that have little bearing on education and will be of little use in the job market.

One need only be reminded of the recent scandal at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where a whistle-blower revealed that phony classes and fake grades have been offered mostly to athletes since the 1990s.

UNC, one of the historically great institutions of higher learning, quite apart from its legendary basketball team, is scrambling now to repair its damaged reputation with oversight and other fixes. But reputations, cultivated over decades and sometimes centuries, are like love — hard to repair once trust is broken.

On the flip side, ACTA proposes that many schools, rather than offering the educational quality that earned them a good reputation in the first place, often depend on public reverence for the past rather than on present performance.

Of great concern is the diminishing focus on core curriculums—the traditional arts and science coursework essential to developing critical thinking necessary for civic participation. Among the 29 schools surveyed by ACTA, only three require U.S. government or history, just two require economics and five colleges have no requirements at all.

In a separate study, the National Assessment of Education Progress found that though Americans pay the highest per-pupil tuition rates in the world, most graduates fall below proficiency in such simple cognitive tasks as comparing viewpoints in two edi-

torials or buying food when given in price per ounce.

Indeed, the basics, students might look forward to more entertaining fare, such as Middlebury College's "Mad Men and Mad Women," an examination of masculinity and femininity in mid-20th-century America via the television show "Mad Men."

I confess I'd enjoy a dinner discussion along these lines, but as an education consumer, I'm not sure a semester-long investigation is worth even a tiny percentage of the tuition. ACTA President Anne Neal acknowledges that such courses may be interesting and even valuable.

"What we do question, however, is allowing such classes to stand in lieu of a broad-based American history or government requirement when we know how severely lacking students' historical literacy can be," she said.

Given the ever-escalating tuition costs, one may wonder where all that money is going?

One of the 29 colleges evaluated, 22 have administrative budgets that are at least one-third of what the schools spend on instruction. More than a third of the college presidents earn as much as or more than the president of the United States (\$400,000), for running schools, many of which have fewer than 2,000 students.

Other findings of the 46-page report are equally compelling but too lengthy for this space. Summed up: American students are paying too much for too little — and this, too, should concern Obama as he examines ways to make college more affordable. Getting people into college is only half the battle. Getting them out with a useful education seems an equal challenge.

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Health law could be done in by its own wording

time off from writing regulations to restrict the political speech of Obama's critics, the IRS has said, with its breezy indifference to legality, that subsidies shall also be dispensed to those who purchase insurance through federal exchanges the government has established in those 34 states. Pruitt is challenging the IRS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and there are similar challenges in Indiana, Virginia and Washington.

The IRS says its "interpretation"—it actually is a revision—of the law is "consistent with," and justified by, the "structure of" the ACA. The IRS means that without its rule, the ACA would be unworkable and that Congress could not have meant to allow this. The ACA's legislative history, however, demonstrates that Congress clearly — and, one might say, with malice aforethought — wanted subsidies available only through state exchanges.

Some have suggested that the language limiting subsidies to state-run exchanges is a drafting error. Well.

Some of the ACA's myriad defects do reflect its slapdash enactment, which presaged its chaotic implementation. But the four potentially lethal wounds were carefully considered and express Congress' intent.

Congress made subsidies available only through state exchanges as a means of coercing states into setting up exchanges.

In Senate Finance Committee deliberations on the ACA, Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., one of the bill's primary authors, suggested the possibility of conditioning tax credits on state compliance because only by doing so could the federal government induce state cooperation with the ACA. Then the law's insurance require-

ments could be imposed on states without running afoul of constitutional law precedents that prevent the federal government from commandeering state governments. The pertinent language originated in the committee and was clarified in the Senate. (See "Taxation Without Representation: The Illegal IRS Rule To Expand Tax Credits Under 'The PPACA'" by Jonathan H. Adler and Michael F. Cannon in Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine.)

Also, passage of the ACA required the vote of every Democratic senator. One, Nebraska's Ben Nelson, adamantly opposed a federal exchange lest this become a steppingstone toward a single-party system.

If courts, perhaps ultimately including the Supreme Court, disallow the IRS' "interpretation" of the law, the ACA will not function as intended in 34 states with 65 percent of the nation's population. If courts allow the IRS's demarche, they will validate this: By dispensing subsidies through federal exchanges, the IRS will spend tax revenues without congressional authorization. And by enforcing the employer mandate in states that have only federal exchanges, it will collect taxes — remember, Chief Justice John Roberts saved the ACA by declaring that the penalty enforcing the mandate is really just a tax on the act of not purchasing insurance — without congressional authorization.

If the IRS can do neither, it cannot impose penalties on employers who fail to offer ACA-approved insurance to employees.

If the IRS can do both, Congress can disband because it has become peripheral to American governance.

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OPINION

The real state of the union is inescapable

By MATT MILLER
The Washington Post

Can a president really be a “year of action” hero armed with just his “pen and phone”? Or is that a formula for what I call kinder, gentler decline? Those are the essential questions beneath the pomp and ceremony of the State of the Union. And maybe the paradoxical answer to both questions is “yes.”

I’m always torn when watching a State of the Union speech. I agree with the vision of America that Barack Obama laid out. Trouble is, I’ve agreed with it since I first heard Bill Clinton lay out the same vision when I followed Clinton into the White House as an aide in 1993. Yet in the years since, on virtually every metric progressives care about — save for expanded health coverage, once the dust finally clears from Obamacare — the measures of a good society have gone in the wrong direction.

Wages are stagnant or shrinking. School rankings have sagged. College and health costs have soared. Our rates of child poverty lead the developed world. Decent jobs remain scarce. The accident of birth weighs more heavily in dictating one’s destiny.

All the compelling anecdotes or special guests in the chamber don’t change that.

When I hear Obama cry that no one who works full time should live in poverty in America, it’s like “Groundhog Day.” Can I live in this reaction? I want to play the split-screen news anchor who says exactly the same thing. It made sense then. It makes sense now. So how long does a



LARRY DOWNING/AP

President Barack Obama smiles as he prepares to deliver the State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday. In the address, he reiterated his belief that no one who works full time should live in poverty in America.

wealthy, sane nation need to fix this? If 20 years isn’t good enough — two decades in which the economy nearly doubled in size in real terms — do we need 50 years? 100?

The president faces obvious constraints. But is the illusion of meaningful action really the most effective strategy? I get that the White House wants to signal that it can still “do things.” I know the administration wants to use issues like the minimum wage to frame the midterm elections. Maybe that choice is understandable.

Yet yet the real state of the union seems inescapable. In the face of enormous eco-

nomics strains on the middle class, Republicans have no ideas, and Democrats have puny “pen and phone” ideas. The result is little progress, paired with a rhetoric-reality gap among Democrats that’s rising even faster than our concentration of wealth.

Consider some of the executive actions touted by the White House. The minimum wage measure is a big deal, even if it only applies to new federal contracts (and therefore to only a relative handful of workers). It’s an important effort to lay down a marker about a decent minimal reward for work.

But a “summit on working families”? A review of federal job training programs six years into the president’s tenure? Asking CEOs to (pretty please) consider hiring the long-term unemployed? “Mobilizing” the private sector to offer more apprenticeships? Passing the tin cup to corporate foundations to help connect schools to the Internet?

Look, I’m all for the bully pulpit. And these measures can surely do some modest good at the margins. But it is embarrassing for the leader of a great nation to be peddling these as meaningful “action.” Do foreign leaders watching think, “Well, they’re gridlocked, but one day they’ll get their act together.” Or do they think we’re institutionally incapable of renewal?

The endless “small ball” accounts for the malaise I felt midway into the speech. Even though the president looked strong and confident — he’s always impressive and commanding in these venues — I felt as if America must be tuning out, because it felt like so much of the same old blah blah blah.

Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen, who many Americans have never heard of, will have far more influence on incomes, jobs and economic growth than Obama in the next three years — and not just here in the U.S., but around the globe as well. There’s something surreal about that. Maybe it’s time we asked Federal Reserve chairs to give a State of the Union too.

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In book, Gates also tough on Bush war policies

By WALTER PINCUS
The Washington Post

Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates challenges some myths and provides new information about the George W. Bush White House in his new book, but you wouldn’t know it based on the early reporting and reviews of “Duty.”

Gates devotes nearly half of the 594-page book to his two years (actually, 25 months) at the Pentagon during the Bush administration. What that doesn’t do in that section, however, is employ any embarrassing anecdotes or acidic comments, as in some of his writing on the Obama years.

Gates is critical of the Bush White House, too, but tends toward generalities.

At one point he describes the Bush administration as “a toxic mix of flawed assumptions about the [Iraq and Afghanistan] wars themselves; a risk-averse bureaucracy; budgetary decisions made in isolation from the battlefield; Army, Navy and Air Force focus in Washington on the routine budget process and protecting dollar bills in the future.” Gates, it seems, was unaware of the needs of the troops and disinclined to pay much attention to the handful of members of Congress who pointed to those needs; and a Congress by and large so focused on the politics of the war in Iraq that it was asleep at the switch or simply too preoccupied when it came to the needs of the troops.

Remember Republican criticism of President Barack Obama for announcing in December 2009 a surge of U.S. troops in Afghanistan at the same time he set a date to begin their withdrawal? Gates writes that Bush did the same thing during the 2007 “surge” in Iraq, just not so publicly.

In developing the strategy for introducing Bush’s Jan. 10, 2007, surge of about 30,000 troops, he writes, “I believed the only way to buy time for the surge, ironically, was to hold out hope at the beginning to end it.”

Bush pushed for the surge against the advice of most of the military and with some congressional Republicans and Democrats voicing opposition.

At a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the surge, two days after Bush announced it, Gates said he caught lawmakers and the White House “off guard when I indicated that I hoped we could begin drawing down troop levels by year’s end.”

While the Bush White House defeated congressional efforts to legislate a date to start withdrawals, by March 2007, Gates writes, he told the president “we probably could begin a drawdown of troops in October [2007] but pace it so [then-Iraq commander Gen. David] Petraeus could keep most of the surge through the spring of 2008.”

Gates emphasizes that Bush was determined to “win” in Iraq, while military leaders knew things would end with something much less. In the summer of 2007, during the surge — with agreement that the drawdown to pre-surge levels would come in the summer of 2008 — Gates writes, “the president would continue to speak of ‘winning.’ I was satisfied that our chances of failure and humiliating retreat had been vastly reduced. After all the earlier mistakes and miscalculations, maybe we would get the endgame right after all.”

It is still unclear what was won in Iraq. Another disclosure provides another lesson in information about Syria: building in 2005 what turned out to be a North Ko-

rean-designed nuclear reactor capable of producing plutonium.

Though the United States considered Syria a high-priority intelligence target, it was Israel that supplied the compelling evidence in spring 2007 about its nuclear activities. Gates, a former CIA director, said this represented “a significant failure on the part of the U.S. intelligence agencies” but “surprisingly, neither the president nor Congress made much of it. Given the stakes, they should have.”

Questions then arose about diplomatic options or whether to launch a surprise military action against Syria — conducted either by the United States or by Israel. At a June 17, 2007, meeting with Bush, Gates said that his “preferred approach was to begin with diplomacy and reserve a military strike as a last resort.”

He proposed exposing what North Korea and Syria were doing in violation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and calling for a freeze and international inspection, but “not allow[ing] the reactor to become operational.”

Gates reported that Bush was not going to order a surprise attack, but he worried that the president, who was “very pro-Israel,” might just decide to let the Israelis take care of the reactor.”

Three days later, Gates urged Bush to tell Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert that “if Israel went forward on its own militarily, he would be using Israel’s entire relationship with the United States at risk.” On July 13, Bush talked to Olmert, who said that the reactor “represented an existential threat to Israel” and that “it could not trust diplomacy to fix,” Gates said.

The next day, Bush said he was impressed with Olmert’s “steadfastness” and, according to Gates, was “unwilling

to pre-empt the prime minister through a diplomatic initiative or even to put much pressure on him.” He also noted there were others, including Vice President Dick Cheney, who supported Israel doing whatever it wanted.

By not confronting Olmert, Bush effectively came down on Cheney’s side,” Gates writes. “By not giving the Israelis a red light, he gave them a green one,” and on Sept. 6, 2007, the Israelis destroyed the reactor.

In his memoir, “Decision Points,” Bush wrote that Prime Minister Olmert “had asked for a green light, and I hadn’t given one. He had done what he believed was necessary to protect Israel.”

For Gates, however, though the Syrians did not react militarily to Israel’s attack, “we had condoned reaching for a gun because of the possibility that it would be brought to bear... This made me all the more nervous about an even bigger looking national security problem.” He meant Iran and its nuclear program.

But Iran was different. In May 2007, Israel made a military arms request “that if satisfied would greatly enhance their ability to strike Iranian nuclear sites.”

At a meeting two days later, Gates said he recommended “saying no to all the Israelis’ requests.” Bush “deflected the Israeli requests” but increased bilateral intelligence sharing.

Gates writes that his most effective argument was that an Israeli attack on Iran that overflew Iraq would endanger what the surge had achieved with Baghdad. Bush then “emphatically said he would not put our gains in Iraq at risk,” according to Gates.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man's 2nd fatal crash has ties to 1st judge

NM BELEN — A New Mexico man sent to prison six years ago for killing a motorcyclist while driving drunk is back in jail on the same charges, this time for a crash that killed the brother of the judge who sentenced him.

The accident Saturday happened after a witness told KOV-TV that she called 911 twice to report seeing Jacob Williams, 27, driving erratically around her neighborhood near the town of Belen, about 30 miles south of Albuquerque.

Deputies failed to respond before a pickup that authorities said was driven by Williams veered over a center line, killing Daniel Sanchez, 51, and seriously injuring his daughter, Magen, 11.

Sanchez's brother, state District Court Judge William Sanchez, of Los Lunas, presided over the 2008 case in which Williams pleaded guilty to felony charges of vehicular homicide, great bodily harm by vehicle and aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Error leads to short notice for jury duty

DE WILMINGTON — About 1,800 New Castle County residents have received unusually urgent jury duty summons.

The News Journal reported that officials are blaming a system error for summonses giving people less than two weeks notice instead of the usual month. With the jury form, residents received an unusual letter in which jury manager Andrew J. Brennan apologized for the short notice "due to certain circumstances."

A "system error" related to drawing potential jurors from a new list of Delaware drivers and voters meant more than a week of juror summonses weren't sent out, Superior Court Administrator Maureen Frederick said.

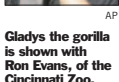
Gorilla raised by humans said to be thriving at zoo

OH CINCINNATI — A baby gorilla initially raised by humans acting as surrogate parents is thriving in the company of other gorillas as she reaches her first birthday, officials at the Cincinnati Zoo said.

Gladys and her new family of Western lowland gorillas joyjoyed

a treat that included bananas, rice and sweet potato ahead of her birthday Wednesday. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

The gorilla was born at the Gladys Puk Zoo in Brownsville, Texas, and her mother rejected her. She was moved last February to Cincinnati. Caregivers there dressed in furry vests and kneepads to act as surrogate mothers until an older female gorilla took over that role in June.



Gladys the gorilla is shown with Ron Evans, of the Cincinnati Zoo.

THE CENSUS

16 The number of years that have passed since a Rhode Island charter boat captain tagged a 14-pound baby bluefin tuna. Al Anderson, 75, was pleasantly surprised to learn a Nova Scotia fisherman recently caught the same tuna, which now weighs 1,200 pounds. He reported information on the tag to the National Marine Fisheries Service's voluntary tagging program, which notified Anderson. The fisherman took the fish to market.



85 The percentage by which methamphetamine lab seizures increased in West Virginia in 2013. A West Virginia State Police report said authorities seized 533 meth labs, compared with 298 in 2012. The report said police found meth labs in 45 of West Virginia's 55 counties. Kanawha County led the state with 159 seizures.



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ANDY DUBACK/AP

Busy bee

A hive of honey bees is on display at the Vermont Beekeeping Supply booth at the 82nd annual Vermont Farm Show at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Jct., Vt., on Tuesday.

Gold prospectors take advantage of drought

CA AUBURN — As California's drought persists and water levels dip to historically low levels, gold prospectors are taking to Northern California rivers hoping to spot something shiny.

The Sacramento Bee said calling it a gold rush may be a stretch, but unusually low rivers are opening up areas of Placer County that haven't been touched by man in decades, if not more than a century.

James Hutchings, Sacramento chapter president of the Gold Prospectors Association of America, flakes — possibly even nuggets — that would normally be submerged may be available.

Firefighters rescue puppy from drain

MO ST. LOUIS — A puppy is alive and recovering after St. Louis firefighters rescued the dog from a drainage pipe.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the rescue happened Sunday morning. Fire officials said the owner was walking the puppy on a leash when the dog fell into a drainage pipe on a sidewalk that was not covered properly.

Firefighters lowered a noose 26 feet down the foot-wide pipe to get it around the body of the puppy and pull the dog to freedom.

Airdrop program targets rabies, skunks

TX HOUSTON — Small, smelly packets of vaccine are being dropped from airplanes in eastern and central Texas in an effort to control rabies in skunks.

Parts of 17 counties are being targeted this month by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Each vaccine is the size of a fast-food ketchup packet and coated in fish meal, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

The airdrop in rural areas is part of an expanded test of the V-RG vaccine, the same preven-

tative used for the past 20 years against the canine and fox strains of rabies. Rabies-carrying coyotes also gobbled previous packets.

Blue Cross cuts family policies for gay couples

NC RALEIGH — North Carolina's largest insurer is canceling family insurance policies sold to gay and lesbian couples under the federal overhaul law due to contract language Blue Cross plans to remove next year.

The News & Observer of Raleigh reported that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina invalidated policies for 20 couples because of standard policy language that defines "spouse" as "opposite sex."

Gay-rights advocates point out the insurer offers domestic partner benefits to its own employees. Blue Cross insurance plans offered by large North Carolina companies also include health benefits for employees and their same-sex partners.

New Honor Flight program gets started

TN CLARKSVILLE — A new Honor Flight program has been set up to serve veterans in north-central Tennessee and south-central Kentucky.

Honor Flight is a privately funded nonprofit dedicated to ensuring all veterans have an opportunity to see the Washington monuments built in their honor.

Michael Flood, a 101st Airborne Division veteran, told The Leaf-Chronicle that he decided to start the Screaming Eagle Honor Flight after the nearby Music City Honor Flight in Nashville ceased operating last year.

Flood said he is seeking volunteers, donations and other support for his operation in Clarksville, Tenn.

While the Music City Honor Flight was focused on World War II veterans, Flood said his program will have a wide scope.

From wire reports

FACES

Emmy broadcast moving to a Monday night

By MEREDITH BLAKE and JOE FLINT
Los Angeles Times

NBC announced Tuesday that it will broadcast the 66th Primetime Emmy Awards live from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on Aug. 25, a month earlier than usual and on a Monday rather than a Sunday.

The move to late August — the Emmys typically are broadcast just before the TV season officially starts in the third week of September — was expected in order to avoid a scheduling conflict with “Sunday Night Football,” which usually begins airing in early September.

Such a change is not unprecedented: The past two times the network aired the Emmys, in 2006 and 2010, it did so in August.

However, the switch to Monday night is more unusual, given that most of the big-

name awards shows, including the Oscars, Grammys and Golden Globes, are broadcast on Sundays when the number of available viewers is typically larger.

According to NBC, the last time the Emmys were broadcast on a Monday night was in 1976.

So why the switch?

If NBC had moved the Emmy Awards to Sunday, Aug. 24, the show would go head-to-head with MTV’s popular Video Music Awards. NBC might also be leaving the evening free in case of a preseason NFL game.

As for the possibility of moving the Emmys to a Monday in September, that would mean breaking with a longstanding industry tradition that the Emmy Awards take place the weekend following the Creative Emmy Awards, which are Aug. 16.

The move to late August — the Emmys typically are broadcast just before the TV season officially starts in the third week of September — was expected in order to avoid a scheduling conflict with “Sunday Night Football.”



Fox/AP



Motley Crue retiring, plans 72 concerts

Motley Crue is hanging up its guitars for good. The heavy metal band plans to say goodbye with 72 concerts in the U.S. and Canada before retiring. The rockers made the announcement at a news conference Tuesday in Hollywood, Calif. Tickets go on sale Friday.

“We want to go out with the four founding members of Motley Crue and go out on top,” said lead singer Vince Neil.

“We want to leave a legacy,” added guitarist Nikki Sixx. “We want to have some dignity.”

The band members have signed a legal agreement promising not to perform as Motley Crue after 2015. A Motley Crue country tribute album is in the works, as is a big-screen version of the band’s 2002 book, “The Dirt.”

Lambert, McGraw lead ACM nominations

Miranda Lambert and Tim McGraw are the top nominees for this year’s Academy of Country Music Awards.

Lambert and McGraw are up for seven awards apiece at the April 6 awards show. The nominations were announced Wednesday morning in a series of videos via social media.

Keith Urban is up for six awards and Taylor Swift, Blake Shelton, Kacey Musgraves and Lee Brice are next with five apiece. Florida Georgia Line and Lady Antebellum have four nods. Lambert and husband Shelton are up for the top honor, the fan-voted entertainer of the year, with Swift, 2013 winner Luke Bryan and George Strait.

Other news

■ The Musicians Hall of Fame inducted 12 new members, including bluesman Buddy Guy, rock guitarist Peter Frampton and pedal steel player and country singer Barbara Mandrell. Also inducted during Tuesday’s ceremony in Nashville were Randy Bachman from The Guess Who and Bachman Turner Overdrive, country musician Jimmy Capps, bass guitarist Will Lee, rhythm guitarist Corky O’Donell and country guitarist Velma Smith. Posthumous inductions went to Stevie Ray Vaughan, along with his band Double Trouble, and pedal steel guitarist Ben Keith.

■ Flavor Flav pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges stemming from a traffic stop this month as he raced to his mother’s funeral in New York.

■ Former Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president Tom Sherak has died in Calabasas, Calif., after a 12-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 68. Sherak, who served as the head of the academy from 2009-2012, spent 17 years at 20th Century Fox, where he became the domestic film group chairman.

From The Associated Press

Cyrus duets with Madonna for TV special

By SANDY COHEN
The Associated Press

Miley Cyrus mashes it up with Madonna, twerks with her tongue out and drops a bunch of F-bombs on her MTV special, and she’s in fine voice while doing it.

While her whittled stomach and occasional crotch-grabs compete for attention, Cyrus really can sing, and it shows on her episode of “MTV Unplugged,” which aired in the U.S. on Jan. 29.

Cyrus taped the acoustic concert Tuesday on a Hollywood, Calif., soundstage, performing stripped-down versions of selected songs from her latest album, “Bangerez,” and closing with a booty-slapping duet with Madonna.

“So, it sounds super lame, but as a pop star it’s pretty cool performing with Madonna,” the 21-year-old said after singing a mash-up of Madonna’s 2000 track “Don’t Tell Me” and Cyrus’ hit “We Can’t Stop.” Cyrus spans the 55-year-old Queen of Pop during the duet, which made Madonna’s Britney Spears kiss feel like it was way more than 10 years ago.

Backed by a seven-piece band on a stage decorated with hay bales, Cyrus gave her acoustic songs a country touch.



SANDY M. COHEN/AP

Miley Cyrus, right, performs with Madonna for an MTV special taped Tuesday.



SUNDANCE INSTITUTE/AP

Philip Seymour Hoffman, right, and Rachel McAdams, front, star in the film “A Most Wanted Man.” “There is something about [the] story that spoke to me about where I am now in my life, though it’s not something I could really put into words,” Hoffman says. “I read it and saw myself in it somehow. It’s about being in the middle of your life.”

Hoffman superior spy in ‘A Most Wanted Man’

By JESSICA HERNDON
The Associated Press

Philip Seymour Hoffman’s new movie is a psychological thriller about terrorism, but he says it also has something to do with hitting a midlife crisis — and that’s what really drew him to the role.

“The story really moved me,” said Hoffman.

“A Most Wanted Man,” based on John Le Carré’s 2008 book, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival this month, with Hoffman playing a German operative heading up an anti-terrorism team in Hamburg, Germany.

Hoffman recalls reading it a long time ago and being drawn to “everything about it.”

“There is something about that story that spoke to me about where I am now in my life, though it’s not something I could really put into words,” he said. “I read it and saw myself in it somehow. It’s about being in the middle of your life. It’s as much a story about that, than all of the other things. It’s

about a man really confronted with what he’s passionate about pursuing and what that’s done to him.”

The Anton Corbijn-directed film focuses on a Chechen-Russian immigrant, Issa Karpov (Grigoriy Dobrygin), who’s on the run in post-9/11 Hamburg, Germany. Hoffman, as spy Gunther Bachmann, develops Islamic sources. He believes Issa could guide him to more powerful culprits. Taking a benevolent approach when examining the counterterrorist profession and those thought to be suspects, the film also stars Rachel McAdams, Robin Wright and Willem Dafoe.

After appearing in more than 50 movies, 46-year-old Hoffman says working on “A Most Wanted Man” was one of the most satisfying movie-making experiences he’s had.

“Far more than most films I’ve done,” he says. “These espionage-ish stories tend to get lost and I wanted people to be surprised emotionally. Everyone was on board with making this story believable, meaningful and human.”

MILITARY

JPAC: Anthropologist's allegations paint picture of agency lacking in structure, scientific discipline

FROM FRONT PAGE

"These charges echo concerns that have been raised before about JPAC's performance, and there needs to be a full investigation," U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., said after viewing a portion of the documents Jan. 23.

The allegations are the latest stain on the reputation of JPAC, the Defense Department's Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command, which has been described in Congressional hearings as "lacking in structure, leadership and accountability." It comes on the heels of a recent scandal involving JPAC and the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, with revelations that JPAC held phony repatriation ceremonies with alleged remains, and multiple reports about agency deficiencies and impropriety.

Stars and Stripes has previously reported charges that JPAC and DPMO officials ignored leads on MIAs in Southeast Asia, prematurely declared Southeast Asia MIAs deceased and unrecoverable, and actively argued against identifying unknown World War II remains in government custody when evidence suggested they could be identified.

In 2010, Congress mandated that the agency increase its annual recovery number from 70 to more than 200 by 2015, but the numbers have changed little, and in some years have actually fallen. JPAC's operating budget has doubled since fiscal 2006 to more than \$100 million in fiscal 2012.

JPAC officials declined to comment last week, citing an "ongoing investigation."

Incomplete records

In a memorandum to the then-commander of JPAC dated May 17, 2011, a JPAC forensic anthropologist outlines serious deficiencies at the Central Identification Laboratory.

Jay Silverstein wrote the memo to Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, who served as JPAC commander until October 2012. Stars and Stripes obtained the memo from a source, and its authenticity was confirmed by several former and current JPAC employees who requested anonymity, citing fear of reprisal. Silverstein, they said, had been treated harshly for sending the memo.

JPAC officials declined to make Silverstein available for an official comment, and he declined to comment.

In the document, Silverstein stated that he personally worked

cases in Tarawa, Upo Lake and Koth Tang and had an intimate knowledge with aspects of all three. Silverstein wrote that the Central Identification Laboratory made unsubstantiated determinations about sites because scientific data contradicted their recommendations and conclusions; wasted a "considerable" amount of taxpayer funds on missions repeated because of shoddy work; and was unable to track JPAC activities and elaborate on recovery efforts due to improper record keeping.

He also accused the Identification Laboratory of breaking JPAC policy and instruction, abusing the U.S. Government Merit System to control employees and shield the laboratory's archaeological work from outside review, and putting the agency in "awkward" situations where they are unable to provide "fullest and most complete and scientifically valid findings and accounting from our field investigations" to families, nongovernment groups and even members of

Silverstein asserted in the memo that during excavations on Tarawa Atoll in 2010, the Identification Laboratory employed "poor methods" and failed to "conduct proper scientific work on numerous levels," which led to extremely suspect conclusions.

He stated that after a geophysical survey using ground-penetrating radar was approved — the best practice for locating the graves — CIL staffers canceled it.

Silverstein claimed staff members also used improper excavation techniques that increased the chances of missing buried remains; conducted a leading interview with a witness; discounted remains as Japanese just by looking at photographs; and later withheld reports and information from other JPAC sections conducting analysis.

Charges detailed in the Silverstein memorandum also involve mishandling of remains.

While on Tarawa, CIL staffers accepted two sets of remains into their custody. According to Silverstein, they did not write the required reports documenting where the remains came from, the circumstances of recovery, witness interviews and inventories. That information would have helped investigators draft a short list of potential candidates for possible DNA testing and identification.

"Apparently no such documentation was made," Silverstein wrote.

Stone was assigned the task of drafting a short list for each set of remains. He told Stars and Stripes that the Identification Laboratory repeatedly declined requests for information and reports that might help him narrow down the identities.

"I thought this was resolved," Holland, the CIL director, wrote in an email to Stone's supervisors in March 2012. "We aren't turning over field notes or anthropological profiles. The J2 short list should be based on independent historical data, not the lab's work products. You can't mix the lines of evidence."

Stone sent memos to his supervisors at the Directorate for Intelligence, J-2, JPAC's research and analysis arm.

"In the final analysis, it is obvious that the short lists provided in this report have little or no value to assist in the identification of [Case] 2010-150 based on the failure of the CIL to provide absolutely any information necessary to produce a viable short list of most likely matches," Stone wrote in the memo, which he made available to Stars and Stripes. "This assignment by the CIL is analogous



Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Service members carry a remains transfer case during a repatriation ceremony in November 2012 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii. Last year, the DOD acknowledged that for the last seven years, JPAC has been holding phony "arrival ceremonies."



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

A Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command employee restores a grid unit during remains testing on the island of Betio, Republic of Kiribati.

to investigating an X-file case for an 'Unknown' and finding all the pages in the case file to be blank, or for the CIL to receive a box of remains without being given any additional information and being asked to produce a short list of possible identities."

Stone resigned in August 2012. Silverstein also alleged in the memo that skeletal elements taken

as samples on Tarawa compromised the chain of custody and jeopardized the status and fate of the rest of the remains. Silverstein claimed that the excavation reports did not include information on the individual the remains were taken from, nor did they include a provision for replacing the sample.

"Sample skeletal elements removed from an articulated burial

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The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is permeated by in-fighting, retaliation and childis



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

JPAC forensic anthropologist Jay Silverstein surveys a site that his team was planning to excavate in Vostenhof, Austria, during a past JPAC mission. Internal JPAC documents drafted by Silverstein and obtained by Stars and Stripes have painted JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory as largely incompetent.

context is a questionable moral and ethical practice," he wrote. "Disassociation of remains may be considered a desecration and disrespect of the buried subjects and should certainly be reviewed by the American Anthropological Association and/or Register of Professional Archaeologists for violation of ethical standards regarding the treatment of human

remains."

Wire handcuffs

At least three U.S. Marines were left behind on Koh Tang after a battle in May 1975 and were later killed by the Khmer Rouge.

Pfc. Gary Hall, Lance Cpl. Joseph Hargrove and Pvt. Danny Marshall were among the Marines from 2nd

Battalion, 9th Marines dispatched to the fortified Khmer Rouge island stronghold to free the crew of the American merchant ship the SS Mayaguez, which had been seized by communist forces. A 14-hour battle ensued, involving more than 200 Marines, airmen and Navy corpsman. Fifteen were killed in the fighting, and their bodies were left on and around the remote is-

ONLINE

View photos, video and the memorandum from JPAC anthropologist Jay Silverstein at stripes.com/go/jpac



land in the Gulf of Thailand.

In the confusion of forces leaving Koh Tang, Hall, Hargrove and Marshall were left behind. Witnesses have said that requests to go back for the men were denied.

Since 1991, JPAC has conducted about 10 excavations and 20 investigations looking for the missing from the battle. They have repatriated numerous sets of remains. However, JPAC says that Hargrove, Hall, Marshall, Lance Cpl. Ashton Loney and Air Force Staff Sgt. Elwood Rumbaugh (who was lost at sea) remain unaccounted for.

Silverstein's memorandum once again centers on the CIL's failure to fully record its work, "some of which may cover the only evidence thus far related to the possible fate of one of those that was left behind."

Some of the best leads JPAC has had for those left behind were uncovered in 1998, according to Silverstein's memo. Two sites were excavated that year.

Only one detailed report of excavation, which includes only preliminary information, was completed for two cases. Only one search-and-recovery report — the more detailed technical scientific report outlining the methods, data recorded and scientific findings — was completed.

There is no search-and-recovery report detailing the excavation of a site that matched a witness' recollections and was possibly related to a missing Marine.

"The anthropologist observed a single pit feature in the excavation floor which corresponds nearly exactly in terms of size, shape, and orientation to the witness description of the burial pit dug in 1975," the preliminary report said, according to Silverstein's memo. "The team recovered one possible set of wire handcuffs that could possibly relate to Case 1998."

Silverstein said in the memo that the lack of a report was a clear violation of JPAC procedure.

"It also makes it difficult to systematically track our efforts and locations where we have worked," Silverstein wrote. "This leaves a serious void in our record on this case and makes it impossible to answer questions with any authority or scientific validity."

Some family members of the missing and Marines who survived the battle were shown the document last week by Stars and Stripes.

"It confirms what I've been thinking all along and what my witnesses have been saying, that there has been a cover-up with leaving the three behind," said Hargrove's cousin, Cary Turner. Turner has been to Koh Tang investigating his cousin's death and has been one of the government's harshest critics in the case.

"This travesty is simply a disservice to those family members who want those remains brought home,"

said retired Marine and Koh Tang battle survivor Larry Barnett, who founded the Koh Tang/Mayaguez Veterans Organization. "These are real people and they deserve real answers. ... We need to get JPAC cleaned up."

Take action now

In summer 2008, Silverstein was assigned to lead efforts begun a year earlier at Upo Lake, South Korea, according to the document. He alleged that after the 2007 mission, the lab again failed to complete the required search-and-recovery report as well as the excavation summary report.

Silverstein wrote in the memo that all he had to go on when he went to South Korea was the verbal description from the previous team leader, who told him to "dig deeper [in the same spot] and to shore up the walls with braces because of the presence of unstable fill." Due to that recommendation, special equipment was rented and transported to South Korea at considerable cost.

Silverstein described beginning to re-excavate the trench, but soon realizing due to the soil and topography that the 2007 mission had been digging in the wrong place. That was confirmed by discussions with locals and a visit to town government offices, he wrote.

"Had there been an interim report that was peer-reviewed by a competent archaeologist, the presence of modern fill and the aspect of the site on the slope in conjunction with the witness statement would have made it apparent that the excavation was situated in the wrong location," Silverstein stated in the memo.

After reviewing the document last week, Missouri democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill, a member of the Senate oversight committee, called for immediate action.

"The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is permeated by infighting, retaliation and childish behavior, to the point that I have serious doubts as to how any work gets done," she said. "The command's management and Defense Department leadership have failed to adequately address these problems, and that failure dishonors the mission, and dishonors those who have served our country."

"The Pentagon needs to take action now, and I will be pursuing all necessary reforms to ensure that our sacred obligation to our POW/MIA is honored."

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SEN. CLAIRE MCCASKILL, D-MO., SENATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



BUSINESS/WEATHER

Study: Divorce up as economy rises

By Emily Alpert Reyes

Los Angeles Times

Married couples promise to stick together for better or worse. But as the U.S. economy started to rebound, so did the divorce rate.

Divorces plunged when the recession struck and slowly started to rise as the recovery began, according to a study to be published in Population Research and Policy Review.

From 2009 to 2011, about 150,000 fewer divorces occurred than would otherwise have been expected, University of Maryland sociologist Philip N. Cohen estimated. Across the country, the divorce rate among married women dropped from 2.09 percent to 1.95 percent from 2008 to 2009, then crept back up to 1.98 percent in both 2010 and 2011.

The National Marriage Project earlier dubbed the drop in divorce as "a silver lining" to the Great Recession, arguing that

tough times were pulling many husbands and wives closer together. But some couples may have simply put off divorce until they could afford to part, researchers say. The economic uptick may have finally given them the freedom to split.

"This is exactly what happened in the 1930s," said Johns Hopkins University sociologist Andrew Cherlin. "The divorce rate dropped during the Great Depression not because people were happier with their marriages, but because they couldn't afford to get divorced."

Cohen cautioned that the exact reasons behind the economic ebb and flow of divorce were still murky. His study found that unemployment, state by state, had no apparent effect on divorce rates; other research examining earlier periods has found the opposite.

Cohen did find that joblessness seemed to cut down divorce for college graduates—but statewide foreclosures pushed up divorce

rates for the same group. More research is needed to understand why, he wrote.

"There still is a mystery," Pew Research Center senior writer D'Vera Cohn wrote in an email to the Los Angeles Times. "It is enormously tempting to say that bad economic times made that happen, but this new paper concludes that the jury is still out."

Whatever its roots, the phenomenon might seem puzzling in light of other research. Marriages end more often among Americans with less education and less income, other studies have shown. If money troubles put strain on marriages, why would couples break up more often when the economy is on the upswing?

Cherlin said downturns seemed to affect divorce timing, not whether couples divorced at all. While economic woes might sway a couple to put off divorce during a recession, spouses might not bother waiting if they don't see their financial problems as tem-

porary, he said.

Divorce lawyers say that in some cases, even divorced or soon-to-be-divorced couples have kept sharing a home to save money.

"They get to the point where they just can't handle it anymore and file for divorce," said Kendall L. Evans, a family law attorney based in Long Beach, Calif. "But that doesn't mean they can afford to set up a separate household."

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Commercial rates	
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Canada (dollar)	1.1133
China (Yuan)	6.0558
Denmark (Krone)	6.4615
Egypt (Pound)	6.9640
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Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.06
30-year bond	3.67

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	69	46	Cldy	Chattanooga	41	22	Clr	Fort Wayne	28	22	Cldy	Louisville	36	30	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	26	24	PCldy	Cheney	40	16	Cldy	Fresno	63	41	Cldy	Lubbock	76	36	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	25	16	Cldy	Chicago	31	13	Snow	Goodland	40	19	Cldy	Macon	44	23	Clr
Albuquerque	65	42	Cldy	Cincinnati	39	25	PCldy	Grand Junction	37	25	Snow	Madison	27	1	Snow
Allentown, Pa.	26	16	Cldy	Cleveland	27	25	PCldy	Grand Rapids	29	19	Snow	Memph	49	33	Cldy
Amarillo	69	27	Cldy	Colorado Springs	47	24	Cldy	Great Falls	17	2	Snow	Memphis	45	36	PCldy
Anchorage	69	24	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	41	21	Clr	Green Bay	28	21	Snow	Miami Beach	77	68	Rain
Asheville	69	15	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	44	27	Clr	Greensboro, N.C.	38	17	Cldy	Midland-Odesa	77	41	PCldy
Atlanta	42	27	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	27	22	PCldy	Harrisburg	29	18	Cldy	Mobile	7	7	Snow
Atlantic City	31	20	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	26	14	Cldy	Hartford	28	17	Clr	Mpls-St Paul	17	-8	Snow
Austin	62	51	Cldy	Corpus Christi	67	52	Cldy	Helena	24	8	Snow	Missoula	29	18	Snow
Baltimore	62	41	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	59	46	Cldy	Honolulu	80	68	PCldy	Mobile	49	36	Clr
Baton Rouge	62	41	PCldy	Dayton	27	22	PCldy	Houston	60	55	PCldy	Montgomery	43	26	Clr
Birmingham	66	12	Cldy	Daytona Beach	60	53	Rain	Huntsville	41	26	Cldy	Nashville	40	27	Clr
Bismarck	41	26	Cldy	Denver	41	19	Cldy	Indianapolis	34	2	Snow	New Orleans	51	43	Clr
Boise	41	26	Cldy	Des Moines	35	9	Cldy	Jacksonville	50	35	Clr	New York City	30	23	Clr
Boston	28	21	Cldy	Detroit	25	21	Cldy	Janeau	36	24	Clr	Newark	29	21	Clr
Bridgeport	68	60	Cldy	Duluth	7	-15	Clr	Kansas City	46	22	Clr	Norfolk, Va.	32	27	Clr
Brownsville	68	60	Cldy	El Paso	73	49	PCldy	Knoxville	39	22	Clr	North Platte	35	19	Clr
Buffalo	29	23	PCldy	Elkins	37	25	Cldy	Lake Charles	53	44	Clr	Omaha	31	9	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	25	19	PCldy	Evanston	46	35	Cldy	Lansing	27	20	Cldy	Orlando	61	54	Rain
Caribou, Maine	17	8	Clr	Fargo	1	-14	Clr	Las Vegas	71	48	Clr	Paderborn	41	30	Clr
Charleston, S.C.	43	27	Cldy	Flagstaff	53	30	Clr	Lincoln	34	11	Cldy	Pendleton	41	27	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	39	20	Cldy	Flint	26	19	Cldy	Little Rock	50	36	PCldy	Philadelphia	26	21	Clr
Charlotte, N.C.	39	20	Cldy	Fort Smith	51	38	Clr	Los Angeles	67	53	Cldy	Phoenix	81	56	PCldy
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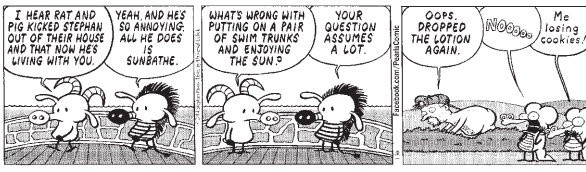
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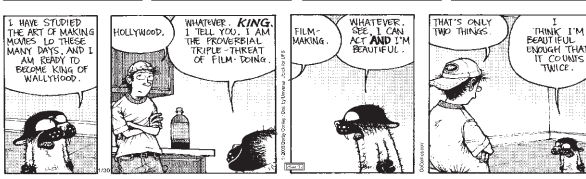
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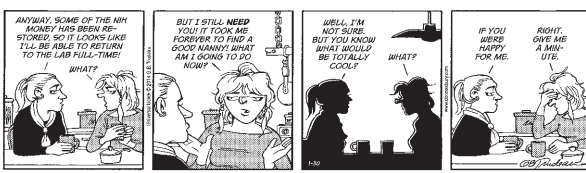
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- Guy's counterparts
- Supplements, with "out"
- Violinist's need
- Portent
- Present
- Japanese sash
- Elba exile
- Zero
- 14-legged crustacean
- Lucy's pal
- Circle ratio
- FCC concern
- Infant
- Bear hair
- Urban blight
- Past
- Likely
- "— Got a Secret"
- Lairs
- "— Miserables"
- Vegan's no-no
- Asopian tale
- Mother
- Texas cook off dish
- Philadelphia team
- "— Town"
- "Have a nice trip!"
- Sheltered side
- Grease up
- Unsign'd (Abbr.)
- Donkey
- List-ending abbr.
- Relax

DOWN

- Asian desert
- Singer Tori
- Carson successor
- Stylish
- "Zounds!"
- White wine aperitif
- Small salamander
- Trusty horse
- Good-natured friendliness
- Stage statuette
- Volition
- Luau side dish
- "— the season ..."
- Coin of India
- Crafts' mates
- Lousy
- Census statistic
- Homecoming traditions
- Collapse
- Eggs
- Obtain
- Bando of baseball
- Hungarian
- Sacred text
- Name in China's history
- Pop flavor
- Shades
- Big name in daredevilry
- Hollywood division
- clashers
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- No longer chic
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OLYMPICS

Burke's work comes to fruition in Sochi

Athletes in new sports at Winter Olympics give thanks for her tireless efforts

By EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

Sarah Burke's friends will bring their snowflakes to Sochi, wearing necklaces shaped like the snowflake tattoo the late Canadian star had etched in her foot.

"When they accepted halfpipe skiing, my first thought was, 'This is Sarah's Olympics,'" said one of Burke's many proteges, American halfpipe skier Angeli VanLaanen.

Each time an athlete in the new Olympic sports of ski halfpipe and slopestyle steps into the starting gate, they'll have Burke to thank.

A beloved mentor among her competition, Burke lobbed hard for a number of causes: Equal pay for women in action sports, inclusion of all the freeskiing disciplines for women in the X Games and, ultimately, acceptance of those events into the Olympic Games.

Burke died Jan. 19, 2012, nine days after a training accident on a halfpipe in Park City, Utah, and about nine months after the International Olympic Committee said "yes" to her longtime dream.

The four-time Winter X Games champion was 29, in the prime of her career. It was a loss that stole away the soul of the sport and its best skier. Burke was the first woman to land a 720-degree jump, a 900 and a 1080 in a halfpipe in competition. She would've been the favorite to win halfpipe skiing's first Olympic gold medal. Instead, it hits the biggest stage in sports looking for a star — trying to replace the irreplaceable.

"A lot of people say she's still the most influential girl in freeskiing today," said Mike Hanley, a longtime freestyle skier and coach.

"She pushed the technical level of the sport so far. But she had such an amazing sense of balance in life, between the image she put out and the level of technical skiing she was capable of. She was the full package that I'd hope all the girls out there are aspiring for."

Instead of everyone chasing Burke in Sochi, there will be three or four top contenders. They include Mad-die Bowman, the 20-year-old from South Lake Tahoe, Calif., who is coming off a win at the Winter X Games. VanLaanen, who overcame a scary and hard-to-detect bout with Lyme disease, could be in the mix.

There's also Canada's Roz Groenewoud, a one-time teammate of Burke's, who is rounding into form after knee injuries. Before every contest, "Roz G" and Burke used to stand at the top and shout, "Let's stay on top, one-two, one-two."

It's a lonelier starting tent these days. "She was extremely driven, extremely competitive, wanted to win, wanted to do her best, but it never colored who she was," Groenewoud said. "It never made her less compassionate or less generous with complements or anything like that. It's a good lesson for people outside of sports, as well. A good universal message."

Slopestyle makes its Olympic debut in both skiing and snowboarding. The sport is a wild ride down the mountain, featuring turns off rails and jumps with steeply angled takeoffs. Triple-flipping jumps, the likes of which American skier Nick Goepper landed to win the X Games, will be the winning trick for the men on both skis and snowboards.

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David Zalubowski/AP

"It's a great addition," said Jake Burton, creator of the modern-day snowboard. "Slopestyle is something that every kid who snowboards does on a certain level. It's at the biggest resorts and the tiniest ones in the Midwest, where they put up small jumps and build a few rails."

American Jamie Anderson is the favorite to take gold in women's snowboard slopestyle, though Silje Norendal of Norway sprung a surprise by knocking her off at Winter X.

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Mike Hanley
Freestyle skier and coach

On the men's side, adding slopestyle to the snowboard program was largely viewed as a way to get another day of Shaun White, who will compete in both slopestyle and halfpipe, where he's going for his third straight gold.

But he is no sure thing on the slopestyle course. Canada's Mark McMorris has one of the most difficult sets of tricks, but he could be limited after breaking a rib at the X Games. His teammate, Max Parrot, isn't far behind. Parrot won the X Games with back-to-back triple-cork jumps.

"I know what it takes to win, so I'm just going to do my thing and not watch the others," Parrot said.

On hand for all the action in Sochi will be Burke's husband, Rory Bushfield, who stayed away from the snow sports for a time after his wife's death, but wants to be in Russia to see what she helped create.

"I watched her do all the work," Bushfield said. "I don't have any plans to do anything special, other than to go there with Sarah's mom and dad, make it happen. They watched her do this whole thing, too. We're all proud of her for it."



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Martin alleges racial, sexual comments

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Offensive lineman Jonathan Martin wants to return to the NFL, he said in an interview aired Wednesday where he claimed that racial, aggressive and sexually harassing comments all played a role in his departure from the Miami Dolphins.

Martin also said he was not the only victim of hazing in the Dolphins' locker room.

"There are other people that got it too," Martin said. "I can't say why I may have gotten more."

Martin told his side of the story to former NFL coach Tony Dungy, now an analyst for NBC, which aired portions of the interview Tuesday and Wednesday. Dungy is part of a committee assigned by Dolphins owner Stephen Ross to review the team's code of conduct, and said on NBC's "Today" show that he has spoken with three general managers who believe Martin will have the chance to play again.

"They all said he's a good player. He'll get an opportunity," Dungy said. "But they're all afraid of the scrutiny that comes with it. He's got to get to the right environment, not a place like the Miami locker room was."

Among the allegations Martin made in his interview with Dungy:

- That teammates directed comments of racial and aggressive nature toward him, as well as sex-related comments about his mother and sister.

- That he talked to members of the team's coaching staff about the situation, but stopped short of meeting with Dolphins head coach Joe Philbin. "Members of the organization knew I was struggling," Martin said.

- That he tried to be friends with fellow offensive lineman Richie Incognito, who was suspended for the final eight games for his role in the matter.

- That he contacted friends on other NFL teams, and that they agreed the level of hazing he alleged to have taken place with the Dolphins exceeded what's typical in a locker-room culture.

"I have no problem with the normal hazing that you see in the NFL, get a haircut, stuff like that, little pranks," Martin said. "But of a personal, attacking nature, I don't think there's any place for that."

The scandal overshadowed most of the Dolphins' season.

Martin left the Dolphins in October amid allegations he was harassed by teammates, including Incognito. Martin told Dungy that he "felt trapped, like I didn't have a way to make it right," and said he left the team out of concerns for his health and well-being.

In other NFL news:

- The Dallas Cowboys decided one year with Monte Kiffin as defensive coordinator and Bill Calahan as play-caller was enough.

Kiffin was demoted Tuesday in favor of defensive line coach Rod Marinelli, and Scott Linehan was hired as the passing game coordinator who will call plays.

The staff shuffling — the second in as many years — comes after the Cowboys gave up the most yards in franchise history and finished last in the NFL in total defense and had their worst offensive output in yardage since 2005.

- Ron Rivera is staying in Carolina after leading the Panthers to their first playoff appearance since 2008.

The Panthers rewarded "Riverboat Ron" on Tuesday with a three-year contract extension that runs through the 2017 season after Carolina finished 12-4 this season and won the NFC South championship.

Carolina lost at home in the divisional playoffs to the San Francisco 49ers.

Johnson supports new NASCAR Chase format

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson was stunned by the proposed changes to the championship format that NASCAR executives grasping for any way possible to end his dominance of the Sprint Cup Series.

Instead, Johnson was taken aback because he had not heard the proposal before in multiple discussions with NASCAR.

"It just caught me off guard and shocked me, and I told Brian when he called me, 'Just give me a minute to adjust, because

I'm on my heels,'" Johnson said Tuesday.

NASCAR will officially announce its Chase for the Sprint Cup championship format on Thursday. All signs point to a 16-driver field whittled down through eliminations to four drivers and a winner-take-all season finale.

It's the fourth significant change to either the points or championship format since the Chase debuted in 2004.

Johnson's not opposed to change. But based on conversations with NASCAR, he expected something closer to heat races over a four-hour television window leading into a condensed feature event.

"That's the discussion that's been going on for a few years, so I was shocked because I hadn't

heard a word about this idea or concept," Johnson said.

Doctors: Brazilian skier can't move arms, legs

SAO PAULO — The Brazilian Olympic Committee said early Wednesday the gymnast who was expected to compete in freestyle skiing at the Sochi Games is unable to move her arms and legs following an accident while training in the United States.

The committee said in a statement that Lais Souza, who participated in the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics, is being treated at an intensive care unit at University of Utah hospital. Doctors said she is "awake and can follow commands" but is breathing with the help of ventilators.

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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	21	5	.808	
Brooklyn	22	4	.846	2½
New York	18	10	.643	6½
Boston	15	13	.539	9½
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	10½

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	12	.727	
Atlanta	21	21	.523	9
Washington	22	20	.520	10
Charlotte	27	14	.659	1½
Orlando	12	24	.333	21½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	35	9	.795	
Cleveland	22	15	.594	7½
Detroit	18	27	.400	17½
Cleveland	19	26	.421	18½
Memphis	15	20	.430	22

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	32	13	.713	
Houston	26	17	.605	6½
Dallas	26	20	.565	7½
Phoenix	23	20	.536	9
New Orleans	19	25	.432	13½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	36	10	.783	
Portland	33	13	.717	3
Denver	21	21	.500	12½
Minnesota	22	22	.500	13
Utah	16	28	.361	19½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	26	18	.591	
Phoenix	27	19	.588	½
Sacramento	19	26	.420	10½
L.A. Lakers	16	30	.348	15½
Sacramento	15	29	.341	15½

Tuesday's games				
New Orleans 100, Cleveland 89				
Indiana 104, L.A. Lakers 92				
New York 114, Boston 88				
Houston 97, San Antonio 90				
Memphis 98, Portland 81				
Washington 88, Golden State 85				

Wednesday's games				
Oklahoma City at Atlanta				
Orlando at Toronto				
Philadelphia at Boston				
Detroit at Atlanta				
New Orleans at Minnesota				
Phoenix at Milwaukee				
Houston at Dallas				
Charlotte at Denver				
Chicago at San Antonio				

Thursday's games				
Memphis at Washington				
Washington at L.A. Clippers				
Phoenix at Indiana				
Cleveland at New York				
L.A. Clippers at Golden State				

Friday's games

Wizards 88, Warriors 85

WASHINGTON — Ariza 3-2 4-9, Nene 7-15 2-16, Gortat 2-8 4-6, Wall 6-19 0-0 15, Beal 9-19 0-0 20, Webster 2-5 2-3 10. Bookers 4-7 0-0 15, Maynor 0-2 0-0 0, Temple 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-80 10-15-88.

GOLDEN STATE — Igouda 2-7 1-2 5, Thompson 2-7 1-11, Bogut 2-3 0-4, Curry 8-25 2-5 23, Lee 1-10 0-0 13, Barnes 2-4 0-5, Crawford 3-5 3-39, Green 4-8 0-0 18, Speights 2-3 2-7, Bazemore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 18-23-85.

Washington 24 21 21 22-88
Golden State 18 20 20 22-85

Three-point Goals—Washington 10-22 (Beal 4-7, Wall 3-6, Webster 2-5, Ariza 1-3, Maynor 0-1), Golden State 7-23 (Thompson 3-9, Curry 2-7, Speights 1-1, Barnes 2-2, Crawford 0-1, Green 0-1, Igouda 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 60 (Gortat 12, O'Quinn 13, Barnes 24, Bogut 14), Assists—Washington 20 (Wall 10, Thompson 5, Curry 4, Green 4, O'Quinn 4). Total Fouls—Washington 17, Golden State 16. A—19,596 (19,596).

Pelicans 100, Cavaliers 89

NEW ORLEANS — Aminu 6-10-0-12, Davis 12-18-6 3-0, Al Jefferson 2-0-0, Roberts 4-2-2 12, Gordon 0-1 3-5, 20, Siemien 4-5-1-2-9, Rivers 2-3-2-7, Evans 1-1-2-3, Miller 1-3-3-5, Morrow 1-3-0-0 2. Totals 39-74 18-23-100.

CLEVELAND — Deng 3-10-0-2, Thompson 2-10-1-4-5, Zeller 6-8-5-13, Irving 8-17-6-23, Miles 1-2-0-0, Walters 9-13-0-21, Bennett 5-10-3-6 15, Jack 4-2-2-2, Delaevdova 0-1-0-0, Sims 1-5-0-0 2. Totals 33-80 17-27-89.

New Orleans 25 30 27 17-100
Cleveland 29 15 21 24-89

Three-point Goals—New Orleans 4-13 (Roberts 2-2, Rivers 1-1, Gordon 1-5, Evans 1-1, Miller 0-2, Morrow 0-2, Cleveland 6-15 (Walters 3-4, Bennett 2-3, Irving 1-4, Miles 0-1, Deng 0-1, Jack 0-1, Delaevdova 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 49 (Siemien 11), Cleveland 48 (Zeller 10, Assists—New Orleans 27 (Gordon 9), Cleveland 22 (Irving 5), Total Fouls—New Orleans 23, Cleveland 16. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second, Cleveland defensive three second. Cleveland defensive three second. A—13,985 (20,562).

Pistons 103, Magic 87

ORLANDO — Harris 4-13 6-8 14, Maxiell 1-2 1-2 2, Davis 4-7 0-0 12, Pritchett 2-11, Afflalo 6-12 1-2 14, O'Quinn 2-7 0-4 0, Jeter 0-7 14-13, Harkless 1-3 0-6 3, Moore 3-6 3-10 3, Nicholson 1-4 0-0 2, Lamb 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-77 15-25-87.

DETROIT — Smith 9-12 0-1 15, Monroe 4-11 6-0 8, Drummond 5-7 3-4 13, Jennings 7-19 4-7 20, Caldwell-Pope 2-5 0-4 4, Stuckey 0-4 6-13, Singler 0-3 1-2, Bynum 3-7 0-0 7, Harellson 1-4 0-0 3, Jerebko 0-3 1-2 1, Mitchell 0-4 4-4, Datome 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-86 19-28-103.

Orlando 22 21 17 27-87
Detroit 20 32 25 25-103

Three-point Goals—Orlando 8-20 (Neilson 3-6, Oladipo 2-3, Harkless 1-2, Moore 1-2, Afflalo 1-3, Harris 0-4), Detroit 6-20 (Jennings 2-7, Stuckey 1-4, Singler 1-2, Harellson 1-2, Bynum 1-3, Jerebko 0-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-2, Smith 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 48 (O'Quinn 11), Detroit 63 (Drummond 17, Assists—Orlando 19 (Neilson 7), Detroit 22 (Jennings 8). Total Fouls—Orlando 17, Detroit 20. Technicals—Neilson. A—11,534 (22,076).

Grizzlies 98, Trail Blazers 81

MEMPHIS — Prince 2-6 0-4, Randolph 11-22 1-23, Gasol 7-13 1-15, Conley 8-18 1-2 12, Gay 5-9 1-2 12, Calathes 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson 1-2 2-4, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Koufos 3-5 0-2 6, Miller 4-5 0-11, Franklin 1-1 0-0 2, Leuer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-83 16-10-98.

PORTLAND — Batum 4-11 2-3 10, Aldridge 4-12 2-7 22, Lopez 4-10 6-8 14, Lillard 7-16 0-0 16, Matthews 2-2 2-8 10, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Fredette 0-0 0-0 0, Collum 0-4 0-0 0, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0, Leonard 0-1 1-1 1, Wright 0-2 0-0 0, Barton 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 30-87 16-28-81.

Memphis 31 30 27 30-98
Portland 22 34 12 31-81

Three-point Goals—Memphis 13 (Miller 3-3, Conley 2-4, Lee 1-2, Calathes 0-1), Randolph 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Prince 0-1), Portland 4-24 (Matthews 2-6, Lillard 2-2, Williams 0-1, Wright 0-2, McCollum 0-2, Batum 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 53 (Randolph 10), Portland 53 (Aldridge 16), Assists—Memphis 24 (Conley 7), Portland 28 (Matthews 11). Total Fouls—Memphis 20, Portland 12. A—19,989 (19,989).

Rockets 97, Spurs 90

SAN ANTONIO — Bellinelli 5-12 0-0 11, Duncan 6-10 0-2 12, Diaw 9-20 3-22, Parker 6-16 4-17, Jones 2-6 0-0 2, Ginobili 2-6 5-6 9, Ayres 0-0 0-0 0, Mills 3-7 0-7, Bonner 1-3 1-2 4, De Colo 0-1 0-0 0, Baynes 0-2 0-0 0, Jeffers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-82 14-21-90.

HOUSTON — Parsons 3-11 0-6 2, Jones 9-12 2-21, Howard 5-13 15-25 23, Beverley 4-8 2-2 11, Lin 5-17 3-17, Motiejunas 7-9 0-5, Casspi 2-4 1-5 5, Brooks 3-9-9 8. Totals 33-75 26-47-97.

San Antonio 28 18 18 28-90
Houston 20 19 13 25-97

Three-point Goals—San Antonio 6-23 (Diaw 2-2, Parker 1-2, Bonner 1-3, Mills 1-5, Bellinelli 1-7, Ginobili 1-2, Ginobili 0-3), Houston 5-18 (Brooks 2-5, Beverley 1-2, Motiejunas 1-2, Lin 1-5, Casspi 0-2, Parsons 0-2). Fouled Out—Baynes. Rebounds—San Antonio 44 (Duncan 14), Houston 73 (Howard 16), Assists—San Antonio 23 (Joseph 5), Houston 18 (Lin 8). Total Fouls—San Antonio 31, Houston 21. A—18,314 (18,023).

Knicks 114, Celtics 88

BOSTON — Green 4-13 4-14, Bass 2-5 0-4, Sullinger 3-5 2-8, Rondo 3-13 1-12, Wallace 2-7 1-2 5, Humphries 2-7 6-8 12, Bayless 4-9 2-20, Pressley 1-3 0-2, Johnson 4-7 0-12, Olynyk 3-6 2-8, Farneri 2-5 0-4, Blue 1-2 0-1 2, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-82 18-24-88.

NEW YORK — Shumpert 2-5 0-2, Anthony 8-15 7-24, Chandler 5-6 2-12, Felton 2-6 0-4, Prigioni 3-6 0-7, Smith 1-2 0-0 0, Harden 5-10 4-15, Tyler 7-9 3-5 17, Aldrich 1-1 0-0 2, World Peace 1-4 0-3, Murry 1-3 0-2 2. Totals 42-82 15-23 111.

Boston 31 32 23 28-88
New York 31 32 23 28-114

Three-point Goals—Boston 6-22 (Johnson 4-7, Green 2-5, Bayless 0-1, Faverani 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Olynyk 0-1, Pressley 0-1, Blue 0-1, Sullinger 0-1, Wallace 0-3), New York 10-20 (Smith 3-5, Anthony 3-5, Hardaway Jr. 2-4, Prigioni 1-1, World Peace 1-2, Felton 0-1, Shumpert 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 47 (Olynyk 7), New York 54 (Chandler 13), Assists—Boston 21 (Rondo 5), New York 26 (Felton 8). Total Fouls—Boston 22, New York 20. A—15,812 (15,763).

Pacers 104, Lakers 92

INDIANA — George 4-11 5-9 14, West 8-14 3-3 19, Hibbert 5-11 1-2 11, Gill 6-9 0-0 13, Stephenson 6-9 3-15, Scoll 4-11 0-8, Granger 3-12 0-10, Watson 4-8 0-0 9, Manning 2-1 2-5 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-99 15-27 104.

L.A. LAKERS — Johnson 3-7 0-7, Kelly 1-4 0-7 10, Gasol 10-19 1-21, Marshall 5-11 0-11, Meeks 7-16 5-5 21, Young 5-16 1-2 12, Harris 0-6 0-0 0, Hill 1-10 0-0 10, Sacre 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-94 13-16-92.

Indiana 22 27 30 25-104
Lakers 19 30 20 27-92

Three-point Goals—Indiana 5-21 (Granger 2-7, Gill 1-2, Watson 1-4, George 1-4, O'Johnson 0-1, Hibbert 0-1), Lakers 5-24 (Meeks 2-8, W'Johnson 1-2, Marshall 1-3, Young 1-7, Harris 0-2, Kelly 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 72 (Stephenson 14), Lakers 57 (Gasol 13), Assists—Indiana 23 (Stephenson 7), Lakers 24 (Marshall 13). Total Fouls—Indiana 16, Lakers 18. A—18,997 (18,997).

Roundup

Howard helps rally Rockets past Spurs

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden was out with a thumb injury and then Dwight Howard got off to a slow start.

It sure looked as if it was going to be a long night for the Houston Rockets. Then everything changed in the third quarter.

Howard got back on track and a pair of role players stepped up to help Houston rally for a 97-90 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday.

The Rockets trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half before scoring 33 in the third to go on top. San Antonio used an 11-3 spurt to pull within two in the final minutes, but Howard and Jeremy Lin helped Houston hold on for the win.

"We just kept grinding it out," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said. "We changed a couple of things defensively and the guys kind of dug in and got stops."

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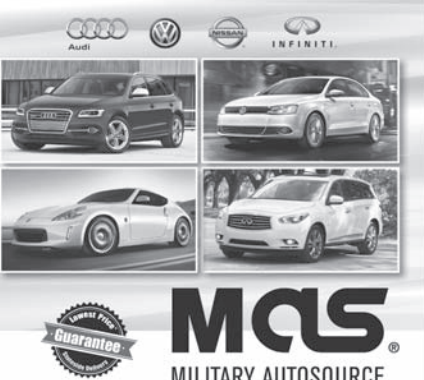
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HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS EUROPE

Marksmanship: Bright future in its sights

With European championship this weekend, sport enjoys influx of interest

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

The 2013-14 DODDS-Europe marksmanship champion, set to be determined Saturday at Wiesbaden, will likely emerge from the familiar group of longstanding contenders Ansbach, Hohenfels, Patch and Vilseck.

But that status quo might be on the verge of changing.

A number of schools are set to make the DODDS-Europe marksmanship scene more crowded in the next few years. The gradual influx of new competitors, including many schools on Air Force bases, threatens to disrupt the existing power structure atop a sport long limited to Army-affiliated schools.

Not that the reigning powers mind the competition.

"It is only going to get better over the next several years," said Mitchell Pollock, coach of reigning champion Vilseck.

Marksmanship as a DODDS-Europe sport grew from roots in the Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps in the 1970s and 80s, said Robert Hase, a retired major centrally involved in the process and is now director of Army instruction for DODDS-Europe.

Instructors began forming teams, borrowing vans from the base's motor pool and travelling to a centrally-located range for competition. Eventually, Hase said, the Army pushed DODDS-Europe to install more marksmanship ranges at its schools.

"It became a fairly highly-developed program at school level," Hase said.

With the Army and DODDS-Europe both invested in the program and its associated costs rising, Hase said, the organizations came to an agreement. The Army would continue providing equipment, including the necessary precision air rifles that today cost as much as \$2,000 apiece, and DODDS-Europe would establish marksmanship as a varsity sport, with the attendant funding for coaches and transportation.

That process was complete by the early 1990s and the sport grew



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Vicenza's Diego Nacionales ignores all distraction as he takes aim during a rifle match in Vilseck, Germany on Saturday. The Vicenza squad travelled to Wiesbaden, but often shoot at their home range and submit scores to compare with those of their opponents in what is known as postal competition.

to include 18 teams in three conferences at its height. The steady closure of bases and schools over the intervening years cut that number almost in half.

Now, however, the sport is growing again, even as schools continue to close amid a drawdown of American forces in Europe.

A 2009 Air Force decision to allow JROTC programs to participate in marksmanship opened the door for a new set of schools to enter the ranks. The first through that door was Alconbury, a small school in the United Kingdom that launched its marksmanship program in 2009.

Bitburg, soon to relocate to a new school at nearby Spangdahlem, is on the cusp of full entry into DODDS-Europe marksmanship. Ramstein has "expressed interest," DODDS-Europe athletic director Karen Seadore said.

Kaiserslautern is also in the beginning stages of building a marksmanship program. Retired Air Force Lt. Col Robert C. Meyer came to Kaiserslautern High School in 2012 as senior aerospace science instructor. After convincing the administration to sign off on the project, Meyer set to work establishing a marksmanship program.

Meyer refers to his three-year

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template as a "crawl-walk-run plan." This year will see the debut of a four-lane shooting range constructed in an unused building on the school's campus. Meyer will spend the next few months introducing the sport to his students in what he called an "awareness year." He'll introduce intramural competition next year, and hopefully a varsity squad in year three. Soon after, a new Kaiserslautern High is set to be built, and plans call for a shooting range.

Wiesbaden, now home to U.S. Army Europe headquarters and a fast-growing high school, is in its second year of DODDS-Europe marksmanship. Though their season's results indicate they're not yet in the championship mix, the Warriors' scores are rising, and the school boasts a soaring population, a recent history of athletic success and the shiny new nine-lane range that will host this

weekend's European championship meet. Wiesbaden qualified for its first European championship meet this season alongside Patch, Baumholder, Ansbach, Vilseck and Hohenfels.

Wiesbaden coach Darryl Hensley, who is also the school's senior Army JROTC instructor, said he's following the example set by Patch, a program he called "the best in Europe."

"We look up to them very much," Hensley said, adding that Patch shooters and coaches "willingly share tips" with their Warrior opponents.

All of this growth begs the question: how can any sport afford to expand in an era of tightening budgets?

There is a unique dimension to marksmanship that makes it less vulnerable to such financial constraints. While equipment and coaches are necessary costs,

marksmanship can be rendered impervious to the most onerous of athletic expenses: travel.

Teams can shoot at their home range and submit scores to compare with those of their opponents in what is known as "postal" competition. Alconbury and Italy-based Vicenza do this regularly; on Jan. 18, DODDS-Europe saved a bundle by having all 10 participating teams stay home in two entirely postal meets.

Hase cautions that this is not an ideal situation as it denies shooters the valuable experience of direct, in-person competition.

"We can still essentially have a competition," Hase said. "It doesn't have the same developmental effect ... but it's a good alternative."

Developmental benefits are a key issue for Hase and DODDS-Europe marksmanship coaches. Hase emphasized the idea that marksmanship imparts valuable life skills such as self-discipline, focus and anger management. He also pointed out that marksmanship can be a viable choice for students who lack an aptitude for more mainstream sports.

"It appeals to a section of the student population that's not athletically gifted," said Hase, adding that success on the range can lead to a scholarship at a service academy or university offering the sport. "A lot of people can excel at marksmanship that maybe can't be on the football team."

With co-ed participation, manageable expenses, potential college opportunities and a natural synergy with the military communities that host it, marksmanship is in an enviable position among DODDS-Europe sports. The collegial, collaborative relationship that exists between programs only adds to the sense of optimism around the sport.

"The sportsmanship in this sport is the best I've seen in DODDS-Europe," Hensley said. "We do our best to cheer each other on."

In the next few years, that cheering section could get a lot louder.

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Top performances in Europe

Boys basketball

■ Jamal Thomas of Aviano was a star in defeat, pouring in a combined 45 points in a pair of Saints' losses to Naples.

■ Javeahun Harrison of Brussels posted consecutive double-doubles — 16 points and 10 rebounds Friday and 21 and 12 Saturday — in the Brigands' sweep of Merwilt Hill.

■ Brendan Jones of Patch continued to pile up points, going for 31 across two victories over Hohenfels.

■ Drew Tevabough of Ramstein produced 26 points and 10 rebounds in a losing effort against Wiesbaden.

Girls basketball

■ Shantice Alexander of Naples scored 20 points, including a decisive

last-second free-throw, in a 47-46 win Friday over Aviano. She added 17 to finish the sweep Saturday.

■ Rebecca Hess of Patch scored a combined 25 points as the Panthers cruised past Hohenfels on Friday and Saturday.

■ Ali DeFazio of Brussels accounted for 58 of her team's points and single-handedly outscored the opposing team

in both games of the Brigands' week-end sweep of Merwilt Hill.

■ Crisheena Rolack of Wiesbaden scored a game-high 17 points — 15 of them on five three-pointers — as the Warriors knocked off rival Ramstein on Saturday.

Wrestling

■ Daniel Barclay of Baumholder

survived a deep and competitive field in the 145-pound class to deliver one of the Bucs' four weight-class victories Saturday at Bitburg.

Marksmanship

■ Caelyn Miller of Patch scored a weekend-best 288 individual points as the Panthers completed their perfect regular-season schedule Saturday.

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HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS-PACIFIC

Johnson & Johnson a growing company

Kubasaki seniors creating confidence, chemistry to turn around girls basketball program

By DAVE ORNAUER
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CAMP LESTER, Okinawa — Kubasaki girls basketball, the most decorated Division I program in Far East tournament history, was mired in a stretch in which it went 35-142 from 2008-09 entering this season.

"The worst part is that people just expected us to lose," said senior guard Sydney Johnson, who's been around for three of those moribund seasons when they went 12-66 and lost every time they played arch-rival Kadena.

"That was the worst. People weren't even asking if we were winning any more. And the team had the mentality of, 'We're losing, that's OK.' And I don't accept losing."

Slowly, that lack of acceptance is starting to pay dividends.

And a pair of players named Johnson, including senior transfer Alyah Johnson, is at the fulcrum of that turnaround.

The Dragons enjoyed their best day of the season Sunday, when they beat two Japanese teams convincingly and led Kadena by nine points before losing 45-37 in the 8th Okinawa-American Friendship Tournament finals.

The week before, they beat Storm, an adult team, 35-25 in the Martin Luther King Invitational. They've played Kadena six times this season, winning only once but losing four other games by a combined 19 points. Kadena's only big win came in an MLK knockout game 63-40.

And Kubasaki ended a 41-game regular-season losing streak to the Panthers last month, winning 48-42 on Dec. 20 at Kubasaki.



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Kubasaki center Alyah Johnson, left shown battling Kadena's Brea Garrett for the ball, transferred to Okinawa from Swansboro, N.C., and has become what coach Bob Driggs calls the team's "backbone" this season. Fellow senior Sydney Johnson, right, said she was tired of the Dragons' losing culture in her first three seasons, and is trying to help the team turn the corner onto a winning path.

Why the change? Confidence, Sydney Johnson said, is a big factor.

Beating Kadena "sparked people up a little bit," she said. "We've had skill in the past (but) we had no confidence. When we beat Kadena, it was like, hey, we're not bad. We're a good team and we have what it takes to win."

The team's chemistry is also developing, Alyah Johnson and Dragons coach Robert Driggs say.

"I see a growing team," Alyah Johnson said. "I see a team that wants to come together and win. I see a lot of confidence. A lot of people knowing we were so close to beating Kadena in the first game," a 46-39 loss at Kadena on Dec. 6, "that we could beat them

and we did the second game."

Behind Sydney, averaging 14 points and eight assists, and Alyah, 12 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks, the Dragons are 5-9 overall and can make the Okinawa season series a 2-2 draw with a home win Feb. 7 over Kadena.

"Both are seniors and are taking on the responsibility," said Driggs, who's coached Kubasaki to four of their nine Far East

titles.

Alyah, who transferred to Kubasaki from Swansboro, N.C., has "really provided a backbone for us, been a big eraser down there, chairman of the boards and people are starting to realize that she's a dominant force in the middle."

It's not just Alyah Johnson who gives other teams rebounding fits, Kadena coach Willie Ware said.

"They send four people to the boards," he said. "They're crashing the boards and getting second- and third-chance opportunities to score. I think them beating us really did something for them. Now, they realize they can play. Kubasaki is right there in the thick of things."

For their part, the Johnsons want to put behind for good what they and teammates refer to as the "Kadena block," the idea that the Panthers should win every time they face the Dragons.

"Not just beating them by one or two points," Alyah Johnson said. "Beating them by 15 or 20 points, which I know we can do. We just have to fix a few things and make sure don't have that mental block when we play Kadena."

What things need fixing? "A lot of focus during practice, making sure people's heads are there, making sure we're all comfortable with each other," Alyah Johnson said.

"If we keep working hard, build up our confidence and work as a team and realize how good we are, we'll be unstoppable," Sydney Johnson said.

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Top performances in the Pacific

Boys basketball

- Antfernee Dent scored 30 points and Torian James had 16 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks as Daegu kept its hold on second place in Korea with an 80-70 win at Osan American.
- Dominique Conley had 15 points and five assists and Damien Briggs 14 points and six steals, powering Seoul American past Seoul Foreign 70-38, improving the Falcons to 11-0 in league.
- Austy Hines had 18 points and 13 rebounds, leading three players in double figures, and Guam outscored Father Duenas 12-4 in the second overtime, lifting the Panthers past the Friars 65-57.

Girls basketball

- Jasmine Rhodes scored 16 points and Kadena rallied from a 29-20 deficit, outscoring Kubasaki 22-6 over an eight-minute span to win the Okinawa-American Friendship Tournament title for the third straight year, 45-37 over the Dragons.
- Glensha Berryman missed a triple-double by two assists, recording 12 points, 10 rebounds and eight helpers, as Seoul American surprised Seoul Foreign 47-45, handing the Crusaders their second loss of the season and virtually sealing the league regular-season title for Daegu.

Wrestling

- Charlie Gann (158), Dustin Wilson (168) and Ian O'Brien (215) — who all finished second at Far East last year — were among 10 first-place winners as Kinnick earned the team title in a DODDS Japan individual tournament at Zama.
- Gerard Chopin (141), Steven Halk (158) and Kade Leonard (168) were among five winners for Oosan American, which handed Seoul American its first loss of the season, 134-108, in an individual tournament hosted by Humphreys.

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SUPER BOWL

Media Day always odd, unpredictable

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Internet star Lil Terrio danced with cheerleaders, an Austrian man dressed as Mozart, another guy wore a Waldo costume and Nickelodeon's Pick Boy was in the house.

Welcome to Media Day, the annual Super Bowl circus.

It seems fitting this event was held at a hockey rink, of all places, because there's nothing ordinary about it. More than 6,000 journalists, pseudo-journalists and other credentialed "media" from all over the world gathered at the home of the NHL's New Jersey Devils on Tuesday to meet the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks.

Strange questions were the norm instead of football ones. A man asked Seahawks center Max Unger if he could touch his long, scruffy beard. He said yes. A woman asked Seahawks defensive lineman Brandon Mebane for a kiss. He said no.

Perhaps the only player who felt at home was Seattle tight end Luke Willson. He grew up in Canada, played hockey through

his sophomore year of high school and was genuinely psyched to be in an NHL arena.

"I thought it was kind of cool to be here," said Willson, a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. "I was a left winger, grinding forward-type of guy. I have two brothers and we would play on the street in front of the house, go to spring camps, played all the time. I played a lot of hockey."

Asked if any of his teammates could lace up the skates, Willson was brutally honest: "No, definitely not. No way."

Unger, the 6-foot-5, 305-pound lineman, played roller hockey long before he packed on the pounds for a career in the NFL.

"This is an awesome venue, seems like a great place to play hockey," he said. "I watch a little bit of hockey. We have the Vancouver Canucks up the road."

Coincidentally, while football players spent their day at the rink, a couple of New York hockey teams prepared to play an outdoor game at Yankee Stadium. The Rangers and Islanders will continue the NHL's Stadium Series in the Bronx on Wednesday night.

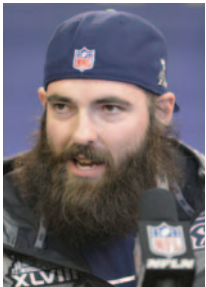
Seahawks defensive end Benson Mayowa isn't a fan of the sport, but he appreciates the toughness of hockey players.

"Only thing I like to watch in hockey is fights," he said. "But they do get physical, they lose teeth, get stitched up and come back out there. It's the same as football."

But hockey has nothing like this on its calendar.

The Media Day extravaganza is one of the wildest scenes in sports. Even current football players were in on the "reporting" action. Eagles Pro Bowl wide receiver DeSean Jackson co-hosted a show for BET. Steelers defensive end Brett Keisel interviewed players for a shampoo promotion.

"This is pretty crazy, man. Pretty crazy," Broncos defensive end Malik Jackson said. "I saw Waldo. I saw the superhero. They



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Seattle Seahawks' Max Unger was asked by a reporter at Media Day if the reporter could touch his beard.



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The Seahawks' Richard Sherman sings a song for former Destiny's Child member Michelle Williams, a reporter for "The Insider" Tuesday on Media Day in Newark, N.J.

‘This is pretty crazy, man. Pretty crazy. I saw Waldo. I saw the superhero. They told us there were going to be people dressed up, but you never really know what to expect until you see them.’

Malik Jackson
Broncos defensive end



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Seattle Seahawks' Golden Tate wears Google glasses during media day Tuesday, in Newark, N.J. Tate said he wanted to be able to share behind-the-scenes footage with his family.

Game.

"This is a 24-7 operation," said Scott O'Neil, chief executive officer of the Devils, Philadelphia 76ers and Prudential Center. "We have 200 events here a year and this is one of them. It's just with a huge media spotlight on it."

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SUPER BOWL

Denver teammates ask Manning for autograph

By HOWARD FENRICH
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Every time Peyton Manning sets foot in the locker room lately, he comes across No. 18 jerseys that other members of the Denver Broncos left for him to sign.

Nothing out of the ordinary. Happens all season. Except nowadays, instead of asking him to donate an autograph for some sort of fundraising endeavor, teammates are eyeing a personal keepsake — as if they're worried they won't get another chance.

No matter that the 37-year-old Manning has made plain he has no intention of retiring right now, whether his Broncos win or lose against the Seattle Seahawks in Sunday's Super Bowl.

"A lot of them had a note: 'Sign this for me.' So I must have signed 10 jerseys for my teammates," Manning said Tuesday at media day, "which makes me think they think I probably should be out of here after this game."

As he spoke, Manning juttied out his right thumb, using the universal symbol for "Take a hike!"

"I feel," he added, "like they're dropping hints to me."

The anecdote was told with a chuckle, part of Manning's amused take on all the questions he's getting lately about his "legacy" and his future.

"All these hints at, like, 'retire,'" Manning replied when a reporter wanted to know about post-playing plans. "I guess everybody's trying to get rid of me."

Just to emphasize the point, Manning noted that he hasn't "thought a whole lot about" what he wants to do when he decides to stop suiting up.

When Manning returned to the NFL after a series of neck operations that sidelined him for the en-



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Aside from fielding dozens of questions during Super Bowl XLVIII Media Day on Tuesday in Newark, N.J., Denver Broncos' Peyton Manning took time to autograph No. 18 Broncos jerseys for teammates. "All these hints at, like, retirement," Manning joked. "I guess everybody's trying to get rid of me."

tire 2011 season, there was plenty of talk about when — and even whether — he would get back to the level of play that earned four MVP awards and one Super Bowl title with the Indianapolis Colts.

He ignored others' voices. But he acknowledged Tuesday he couldn't ignore his own questions then.

"I certainly have my concerns that entire time," Manning said. "The doctors just couldn't tell me anything definite. They wouldn't say, 'You're going to be back at this time, at 100 percent strength level.' They couldn't tell me," he continued. "So when the

doctors can't tell you that, how do you really know?"

Manning recalled what some said as he prepared to move from the Colts to the Broncos.

"There was a lot of 'narrative' out there on what I couldn't do: 'He can't throw to the left.' And, 'He really struggles throwing to the right.' I'm like, 'How do they know? I've been throwing in private the entire time,'" Manning said.

"At the time, throwing to the left was about the only thing I could do well. So there was a lot of misinformation out there."

As it turned out, Manning

would be just fine.

Last season, he led the Broncos to the playoffs, earning NFL Comeback Player of the Year honors.

"I kind of joked, 'I never wanted to be eligible for that award.' ... I've got to call it more of a second chance, second opportunity," Manning said.

Broncos coach John Fox called Manning's immediate success in Denver "truly remarkable."

"To build on that," Fox added, "and to have the kind of season he's had to this point this year, I think is unprecedented."

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in September — on opening night, Manning threw a record-tying seven touchdown passes in a victory over the reigning champion Baltimore Ravens — this season has been all about Peyton.

In Year 2 of his second act, Manning threw for 55 touchdowns and 5,477 yards, both records. If the Broncos win Sunday, Manning will become the first starting quarterback to lead two franchises to Super Bowl titles.

"He's one of the best — if not the best — quarterbacks to ever play the game. One day, I want to be like him, in terms of the way he thinks," Seahawks QB Russell Wilson said.

Said Seahawks safety Kam Chancellor: "In my book, he ranks No. 1 at quarterback."

Manning is not inclined to discuss his own standing in football.

"I've been given asked about my legacy since I was about 25 years old. I'm not sure you can have a legacy when you're 25 years old. Even 37," Manning said. "I'd like to have to be, like, 70 to have a legacy. I'm not even 100 percent sure what the word even means."

Lynch goes into Least Mode for media

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch abruptly ended his media availability — again — walking away from a throng of reporters and escorted by a member of the New Jersey State Police on Wednesday after about seven uncomfortable minutes in which he answered just a few questions.

The elusive Lynch, who created a stir at media day Tuesday by talking for only 6½ minutes, writhed in his seat and leaned his head back at times as a few dozen reporters, lined up as much as five deep, tried to ask him questions during the players' 45-minute availability at the team hotel.

"I don't appreciate this," he said in a tone barely above a whisper. "I'm just here so I won't get fined."

Earlier this month, Lynch was fined \$50,000 for not cooperating with the Seattle media. The NFL put that fine on hold, saying it would be rescinded if he complied with media obligations. During media day, Lynch spoke for 6½ minutes before leaving, and then returning to speak to

Deion Sanders for NFL Network, to the Seahawks website, and to Armed Forces Network — and acknowledged he was trying to avoid being fined by the league for not meeting his media requirements.

It didn't appear Lynch would be fined by the league.

"Players are required to participate and he participated," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email to The Associated Press. "His comments of the past two days have been widely circulated."

After Lynch was short with his answers to a few questions, fullback Michael Robinson moved the microphone over to in front of him and began answering questions for Lynch.

"I'm going to slide up in this thing," Robinson said with a smile. "and break up the monotony a little bit. Uh, Marshawn ain't going to try to say nothing to you guys, so you can direct your questions toward me."

Robinson used the running back's "boss" figure of speech to end each sentence, as Lynch did when asked by Sanders if he was camera shy and responded: "I'm just about that action, boss."

One reporter asked how Lynch was

feeling.

"He just wants to play ball, boss," Robinson said.

Robinson was then asked how he would define "Beast Mode."

"It's a lifestyle, boss," Robinson responded as Lynch sat back in his chair smiling.

Lynch was asked if he was concerned he could be fined for not showing up at the availability, and he handled that one himself.

"I'm here, man," Lynch said.

At one point, Lynch looked up at a team staffer and asked, "What's up with that time?" A few moments later, as a reporter tried to ask a question, shouting, "Hey, Marshawn!" Lynch got up, climbed over a few chairs and made his way through the crowd of reporters and disappeared through an area restricted to team personnel.

"He gets it done on game day," Robinson said after Lynch left. "If you're looking for somebody who's going lead by example, all you have to do is watch him run the ball and you know what time it is."



Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch walked away from Media Day after only 6½ minutes of questions.

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